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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

German Troops Pressing Onward.

London, February 24.

A German wireless official says:—Our troops in Esthonia are pressing eastwards. We have occupied Werk, Livonia and Dubno.

The German Advance.

London, February 24.

The Germans have advanced an average of fifty miles in Russia since they resumed operations on February 18. The only point where anything resembling resistance was encountered, was at Lemsal where a small body of Russians fought against overwhelming odds for a short time. Leal is sixty miles south-west of Reval and fifteen from the coast. Venden is 45 miles north-east of Riga on the Petrograd Railway. Volmar, on the same railway, is 20 miles north of Riga and 12 miles from the coast. Unofficial reports state that the Germans are advancing in the direction of Vitebsk, 150 miles south-east of Dvinsk and 90 miles north of Mohileff. Their scouts have appeared near Plotsk, half-way between Vitebsk and Dvinsk, while Molodstobno, 110 miles south of Dvinsk, is stated to be in the hands of the Germans whose cavalry is moving to Mohileff. The enemy has captured Riezitza, 60 miles north-east of Dvinsk, and is advancing on Pskoff.

Further German Penetration.

London, February 24.

A German wireless official message states.—We have occupied Hapsal in Esthonia. The First Esthonian Regiment has placed itself at the disposal of the German command. We are beyond Ronneburg and Wolmar Spandau and entered Riezitza amidst rejoicings of the inhabitants. From there we advanced on Lixsin and occupied Minsk. Our assistance to Ukraine in the struggle for freedom is progressing. We have joined with the Ukrainian detachments at Novo Gradvolynsk, and other columns are marching to Dubno.

Fleet Disorganised.

London, February 24.

A Petrograd message says that the Naval Authorities have given up hope of active co-operations by the Fleet, which is completely disorganised.

BRITISH LABOUR WAR AIMS.

London, February 24.

Mr. Albert Thomas presided at yesterday's Inter-Allied Socialist Conference in London, and said that the discussions in Paris were assured of a certainty of agreement and common policy based on British Labour war aims. The memorandum was so international, and so human, that enemy Socialists were able to accept it. The British section of the Conference refused to allow the Independent Labour Party and the British Socialist Party to be separately represented. There was a movement on foot to form a British Trade Union Labour Party.

WILD SCENES IN THE REICHSTRATH.

London, February 24.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the *Vossische Zeitung* at Vienna, says that Dr. Seidler's statement that Cholm has not been ceded to Ukraine, has not eased the situation. There were wild scenes in the Reichstrath, Slavs and Czechs shouting down the Premier, and shrieking "Lies and treachery." One Czech Socialist was forcibly removed.

LORD MILNER APPEALS FOR CO-ORDINATION.

London, February 22.

Lord Milner, continuing his speech on War Aims at Plymouth, foreshadowed greater efforts and much greater hardships, in the immediate future. He therefore appealed for more perfect co-ordination in the efforts of all the Allies, the suppression of domestic discord and the concentration of the efforts of all men and women of all classes and parties upon the supreme object of national salvation. Owing to the policy of the Versailles Council we had now got a reasonable machinery for attaining co-ordination of effort and the essence of the new system was that we had got a permanent body of experts always sitting engaged in the study of war problems from the viewpoint of alliance as a whole. Concluding Lord Milner said he not fear that anything would be seen in this country anything like the follies and excesses in Russia. Such revolutions destroy not despotism but democracy, which was, perhaps, on its greatest and final trial.

EAST AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

London, February 23.

An East Africa official message states:—We dislodged the enemy from the Lujenda Valley and forced their retirement to the south toward the Upper Lurio Liver. We took some prisoners in the vicinities of Miarika and Luvwmbu Laboma. Portuguese have re-occupied Malaktera. The British are following up the main body of the enemy along and north of the Lurio.

THE PALESTINE PUSH.

Enemy Retured from Jericho.

London, February 23.

A Palestine official message states:—The enemy from Jericho has retired to the north of the Wadi Auja, leaving posts on high ground on the left bank, and they have also retired to the east, across the Jordan, holding the bridgehead of El Ghoraniye.

Positions Extended.

London, February 24.

A Palestine official message states:—Our forces advancing on Thursday morning encountered small opposition and at 8.20 Australian Mounted troops entered Jericho, and established themselves on the line of the Jordan and Wadi auja. The weather is bad. Casualties on Wednesday night were slight. Forty-six Turks were taken prisoner. We have extended our positions north-east of Jerusalem.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Enemy Raiders Driven Back.

London, February 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a communique, states:—We repulsed with enemy losses an attempted raid on Hill 70. We drove off raiders north of Poelcapelle Patrols took some prisoners on different parts of the front. Hostile artillery is active between Gouzeaucourt and the Scarpe Valley, and at a number of points between Lens, Armentieres and north-east of north Ypres. Owing to bad weather only a few fights were possible.

Scottish Troops Successful Raid.

London, February 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in a communique, reports:—Scottish troops carried out a snocessful raid last night at Monshy-le-Preux. There is hostile artillery fighting in the neighbourhood of Menin Road, and south of Houthulst Forest.

A Formidable French System.

London, February 24.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, the war correspondent, writing from Headquarters states:—Since we took over part of the French line about St. Quentin, a few weeks ago, we have been gradually extending our front to the right. One can look, at points, straight across to the German lines where the river Oise and its canal are in the flats and marshes beneath our slopes. Here no-man's land is sometimes a thousand yards wide, owing to swamps, due to the breaking of the canal bank. Behind the German outposts is a formidable French system. Forming part of the Hindenburg line between St. Quentin and Laon the ground south-east of Oise rises to St. Gobain Ridge, which is a high rampart in the German lines. The whole of the country east and south of St. Quentin is wild and rugged and covered with great forests.

Enemy Raid.

London, February 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—A large enemy party raided two of our posts in the neighbourhood of Ypres Roulers railway. A few of our men are missing. The Belgians repulsed an attempted raid in the Merckem sector,

No Indication of Enemy's Offensive.

London, February 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that a semi-official message states:—Although reciprocal raiding is increasing, denoting that preparations for the offensive are becoming more marked, and an artillery duel has increased, nothing yet indicates that the enemy is on the point of launching an offensive.

Raiders Repulsed.

London, February 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed raiders in the neighbourhood of Broodseinde. There is hostile artillery fighting in the Passchendaele sector.

REPUBLIC IN GRAVE DANGER.

London, February 24.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd the Council of Commissaries, in a Proclamation, says that the Republic is in the gravest danger. It calls upon everyone to defend the positions to the last drop of blood, to remove rollingstock and destroy railways behind them and even provisions which are in danger of falling into the enemy's hands; to raise battalions, and to dig trenches. These battalions will include all the bourgeoise class. Men and women are under the surveillance of the Red Guards. All resisters will be shot.

"All the bourgeoise class, male and female, must be made to carry out defence work under the Redguards." Foreign agents, speculation loiterers, counter-revolutionaries and German spies must be shot at sight. The local Soviets must see that these decisions are carried out.

SURVIVORS OF SPANISH STEAMER LANDED.

London, February 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Cadiz reports that there are twenty-eight survivors of the torpedoed Spanish steamer Marcaspso, which was proceeding to New York. The survivors were picked up in the sea and landed here.

JERICHO REPORTED CAPTURED.

London, February 24.

Jericho is reported to have been captured.

NAVY ESTIMATES.

London, February 24.

The Navy Estimates provide for 450,000 men.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SOUTH AFRICAN FLOODS.

Capetown, February 22.

Speaking in the Assembly, General Botha announced that owing to the Klip River overflowing, half the town of Ladysmith is under water from two to five feet deep. A number of houses have subsided and eight-five families are destitute.

HUNGARIAN WAR EXPENDITURE RISING.

Zurich, February 22.

The Hungarian Finance Minister stated in Parliament that despite the cessation of hostilities on the East Front the Hungarian war expenditure was rising. The present figures were thirty-two million sterling monthly, compared to twenty-eight millions last December.

GERMANY AND RUMANIA.

Amsterdam, February 21.

A Berlin message says that Herr Kuehlmann's departure for Rumania, mentioned on 19th inst., has been postponed owing to the new Rumanian situation.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

Germans Enter Minsk.

London, February 21.

A wireless German official message says: We have entered Minsk.

Civil War in Finland.

Vasa, February 21.

Events in Finland between the White Army, which is anti-Bolshevik, and the revolutionaries or Red Guards are apparently moving towards a climax. The East Finnish White Army, fifty thousand strong, is advancing south along the Mikkeli-Kuwola railway, a second force along the Goensun-Viborg railway, with the object of capturing Viborg, and a third contingent proceeding from Kristinestad upon the Red stronghold, Bjoerneborg. The Whites hold the railway to Haapamaki, north of Vilppula, ensuring communication between West and East via Nyslott. Hundreds of students are besieged in the Helsingfors district, and a terrible death is awaiting them if they are unable to hold out. The Headquarters of the Red Guards have been moved from Tammerfors to Richimaki, south of Tavastchus, where the black flag with skull and crossbones is flying.

Germans Marching on Petrograd.

London, February 22.

Everywhere, except at Lemsal, the Russians have apparently bolted, abandoning their guns and material. Meanwhile, instead of organising resistance, the Bolshevik Government is engaged in publishing feeble and futile protests and also in massacring compatriots.

It appears the telegram accepting the German terms was sent to Berlin without consulting the Bolsheviks' Parliament. The decision of the Peoples' Commissaries was settled by M. Trotzky, who had previously favoured fighting to the last, unexpectedly voting on the other side. The Government then convoked only their own party groups.

M. Lenin in communicating the decision said the only way to secure the results of the revolution was to make peace and thus the Government could continue civil war against its internal enemies and crush them before Germany, in alliance with the Western Imperialists, crushed the revolution.

The population of Petrograd, starving, tortured and harassed by the Bolsheviks, seem to be completely indifferent to the approach of the Germans, whose arrival in the capital is expected in ten days. It is reported in Petrograd that a German fleet of forty-five ships is steaming towards Reval and a German descent on Finland is expected.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 22.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We repulsed raiders southward of Armentieres. Patrols elsewhere brought in a number of prisoners. The enemy artillery is active in the neighbourhoods of St. Quentin, the Arras-Cambrai road, Lens, Armentieres and Ypres. A break in the weather prevented flying, except for artillery observation.

A French communique reports fairly lively reciprocal artillerying on the whole front, especially in the regions of Pinon, Vauxaillon, Malmaison, Pontavert, Guyencourt and Butte-du-Mesnil. Three German aeroplanes were brought down and two forced down in their own lines, seriously damaged.

A CRUCIAL TIME.

London, February 22.

Lord Milner, speaking on war aims at Plymouth, deprecated sidetalk about details of peace negotiations when the German military party was again more firmly in the saddle and when we are fighting for our very lives and the very existence of the free nations of Western Europe. The militarists' single object, openly proclaimed, was to deal Italy, France and Britain a knock-out blow, thereby securing domination throughout Europe and the greater part of Asia and enabling the establishment of military despotism to be world-wide. It was not now a question of destroying Prussian militarism but whether Prussianism would destroy us, sweeping away everything for which the freedom-loving nations had striven for centuries to attain.

NATIONAL PARTY'S IMPERIAL POLICY.

London, February 22.

The imperial policy adopted by the National Party advocates closer imperial unity, with permanent machinery therefore, secondly, unity of the Empire in defence and a policy of mutual aid with a view to development of natural resources, foodstaples and raw materials, thirdly, the investment of British capital within the Empire, fourthly, encouraging the flow of emigration to the dominions and the establishment of permanent machinery for overseas land settlement. Finally it condemns the injustice of double income tax.

PRESERVING WAR GRAVES.

London, February 22.

A meeting of the Imperial War Graves Commission presided over by the Prince of Wales, approved of the report of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Frederick Kenyon making a recommendation as regards the provision of memorials in cemetries and that the general supervision of such constructional work be given to the architects Mr. Reginald Blomfield, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Mr. Herbert Baker. It was announced that the Government had undertaken to bear the cost of laying out and maintaining British military cemetries abroad and providing suitable headstones. The Kenyon report recommends equality in the treatment of headstones and graves for officers and men and the erection of central memorials in each cemetry in addition to individual headstones. Regiments and other military formations have been asked to send suggestions for the design of headstones. It was stated that some, if not all, of the Dominions would decide on headstones representing the dominion rather than the individual. The Commission will consider the special questions arising in connection with the graves of Indian soldiers.

COL. REPINGTON'S PROSECUTION.

London, February 22.

The "Morning Post" states that Col. Repington has decided not to appeal.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

REMOVAL OF GERMANS FROM EAST AFRICA.

London, February 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson announced that he hoped arrangements would shortly be made for the removal of all German subjects from German East Africa—(Cheers).

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

London, February 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Baw stated that it was too soon to conclude that the Irish Convention would be without result.

WILL THE ENGINEERS STRIKE?

London, February 22.

Despite the result of the Engineers' ballot, further negotiation is probable. Moreover, the result does not necessarily mean that the Engineers will strike.

A PRIZE COURT RULING.

London, February 22.

The Prize Court has ordered the release of coconut oil valued at $100,000 seized in a steamer Bonna which, with five other neutral vessels, was voyaging from the Dutch East Indies to Sweden.

The President, Sir Samuel Evans, disagreed with the Crown's contention that raw materials destined for a neutral country for manufacture and consumption were thus liable to condemnation on the ground that a similar article might or would consequently be exported to the enemy by other citizens of that country.

THE NEW SUMMER TIME.

London, February 22.

In the House of Commons, Sir George Cave announced that summer-time would begin on March 24 and end on August 29.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING OUTPUT.

London, February 22.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Chiozza Money stated that last year 200 British-built merchantmen of 1,600 tons and upwards, of an aggregate tonnage of 1,667,696 tons had been completed, while the net loss of such vessels was 598.

INTER-ALLIED SOCIALIST CONFERENCE.

London, February 22.

The inter-Allied Socialist Conference on war aims has held a preliminary meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, behind doors. The attendance included closed Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Mr. Will Thorne and Mr. Sidney Webb, also M. Vandervelde Huystann, representing Belgium, W. H. Andrews representing South Africa and Representatives of Sweden and Rumania. The French and Italian delegations have not yet arrived.

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German's Daughter Sentenced.

At Greenwich Police Court recently Emma Ada Clements, 23, clerk, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment without hard labour for stealing a small sum of money from a cloak-room at Lewisham Town Hall, where she was employed as a temporary clerk. It was stated that her real name was Klemm, and that she was the daughter of an unnaturalised German, and that she had twice, when applying for work in Government departments, stated that her parents were British-born.

The Widow's Sacrifice.

Applying for the exemption of her youngest son, aged 18, a widow told the Camberwell Tribunal that six of her eight sons had joined up. Two had been killed. Another son, aged 20, had been granted a short exemption. The National Service representative said they all sympathised with the widow on the loss of her sons, but there were no real grounds for exemption here. Sir Evan Spicer said he thought the Tribunal ought to let her retain one son. Three months' final exemption was granted.

A Change of Name.

In the *London Gazette* the announcement was recently made of the King's Royal licence and authority having been granted on November 8 to Colonel Raymond W. M. Schumacher, the well-known South African financier, and to his brother, Mr. Walter W. Schumacher, a partner in the well-known London and Moscow firm of Wogan and Co., to take the surname and bear the arms of Ffennell in lieu of that of Schumacher. Their mother's maiden name had been Lucy Harvey Ffennell, and, as elder daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Ffennell, of Torrington-square, London, she was the surviving co-heir of her brother, the late William Edward Ffennell, of South Testwood, Totton, Southampton. Colonel Raymond W. M. Ffennell (formerly Schumacher) has been associated with the South African mining industry for more than 20 years, and became a partner in the firm of H. Eckstein and Co. at Johannesburg 18 years ago. Always an enthusiastic Volunteer, and formerly colonel of one of the Rand regiments, he has been engaged throughout the war in the training of cadets in the neighbourhood of Oxford, where he is now tenant of Wytham Abbey.

A Curio Shop in Tableaux.

Lady Lowther's Tableaux was a feature of Princess Christian's matinee at the Palace Theatre on December 7. They are described as a series of Objets d'Art Vivants, and well-known people took part in the unusual representation of a curio dealer's treasures. Lady Cynthia Asquith, Miss Kitty Kinloch, and the Hon. John Lytton will represent "A Lucca Della Robbia"; Miss Jean Kinloch and Miss Barbara Lutyens "An Old French Fan"; Miss Violet Keppel "A Mezzotint"; Mrs. Underdown "A Wedgwood Plaque"; Lady Idina Wallace "A Persian Miniature"; Mrs. Gerard Leigh "A Missal Page"; Lady Loughborough, the Hon. Mr. Fane, and Mrs. John Lavery "A Tryptich"; Lady Diana Manners "A Cameo"; Mrs. Henry Howard "A Green Jade Figure"; the Countess of Drogheda "A War Poster"; and Mrs. Ralph Peto "The Lady of the Lamp." The latter was accompanied by an appropriate recitation by Miss Irene Vanbrugh. The entire proceeds of the performance were handed over to the funds of the Nursing Association for Officers' Families and the Princess Christian Hospital.

GENERAL NEWS.

Famous Men's Longevity.

An investigation into the length of life in Great Britain and Ireland from the year 1500 A.D. to the present day is being made by the Medical Research Committee. It is based on the ages of those whose birth and death have been recorded in the Dictionary of National Biography.

Byron's Elm Burned Down.

Byron's tree, in Harrow parish churchyard, has been destroyed by fire wantonly caused by a visitor. This is the elm made famous by the poet, who in a letter from Italy in 1822 states he used to sit for hours under a large tree in the churchyard. He also wrote some well known "Lines written beneath an elm in the Churchyard of Harrow."

Caution to Wounded Soldiers.

Instructions have been given to the police to take particulars of all cases of wounded soldiers seeking charitable contributions by acting as street musicians and artists, displaying placards. At Marylebone recently a caution was given to a wounded soldier who interfered while a constable was seeking particulars of a wounded soldier playing a barrel organ.

National Footballer Drowned.

Bobbie Atherton, the Welsh international footballer, who played for the Hibernians when they won the Scottish Cup in 1902, and later joined Middlesbro Club, has been drowned at sea by the sinking of a merchant vessel, on which he was engaged, either by a mine or submarine. Atherton played three times against England and Ireland, and twice against Scotland, from 1899 to 1904.

American University Soldiers.

There are already over 3,000 American university men, students and graduates, engaged in active war work in France, and it is expected that in a short time there may be more than 10,000. In order to render assistance to all American university men on service, the "American University Union in Europe" has been established. The headquarters of this union are in Paris, and a branch is being organized in London. As it is impossible for these men to spend their short leave in America, it is expected that many of them will visit Great Britain. The authorities of Cambridge are preparing to put up small groups of soldier students from the United States during their furlough, and are endeavouring to make arrangements for distributing them among the several colleges. With a view to facilitating the scheme a small committee has been formed, with the Vice-Chancellor as chairman and Dr. H. D. Hazeltine, a graduate of Harvard, of Grithow Field, Madingley-road as secretary. It is felt that American students would especially appreciate the privilege of being lodged in college, of dining in hall, and living for a few days in the atmosphere of one of the older universities. We understand that similar arrangements are contemplated at Oxford.

NOTICES.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 1918, at 3 p.m. at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Causeway Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale Plan	Registry No.	Locality	Measurements (Approximate) N.	E.	S.	W.	Quantity in Square feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
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NOTICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1918.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY, (OFF-DAY), February, 25th, 26th, 27th and 2nd March.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND & ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Limited, or at the Gate. Price $10 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or $4 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, $3.

No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1918.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Race.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which are being sent out by Messrs. Linstead and Davis the Secretaries and Treasurers with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the plot of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1918.

G. R.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY notified that that portion of Garden Road, between Bowen Road and Peak Road, is re-opened to wheeled traffic.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

APROPO of the above. Members are hereby notified that although Membership of the Jockey Club entitles them to free admission to the Enclosure and Stands during the Race Meeting an opportunity is given to them to make a special contribution to the War Charities by also purchasing an admission Ticket at the Gate. A Book will be in care of the Gate Keeper in which Members are asked to record any such purchases.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course,

Hongkong, 21st February, 1918.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them, and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 21st February, 1918.

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RACE HOLIDAYS.

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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, the 25th, 26th and 27th instant, at 11.45 a.m.

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1918, until THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1918.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.
Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

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UNION TRADING CO.,
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Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1918.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

RACE WEEK.

DINNER DANCES will be held on the following nights open to Resident and Diners in the Hotel:—

MONDAY, 25th February.
TUESDAY, 26th February,
WEDNESDAY, 27th February,
and
SATURDAY, 2nd March.

Table d'Hôte Menus will be served as follows:—

GRILL ROOM $3.50 per head
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(The Ordinary "Grill Room" à la Carte" Menu will be withdrawn on each of the above evenings).

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1918.

THE BANK MEETING.

Truthfully described as one of the great events of the trade year, the Chairman's speech at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, held on Saturday, contains many topics of absorbing interest, not only to commercial men but to practically the whole foreign and native populations of the East. The outstanding events that have marked the past year's trade, the political decisions affecting the international relations of China and other countries, a review of China's progress since the last Bank meeting, and a recital of hoped-for improvements were dealt with in Mr. Dodwell's speech in a manner that was comprehensive and succinct. It is more than a cogent retrospect, for it points the way to future actions upon which the continued progress and development of the Far East depend. To review the various subjects and merely paraphrase portions of the speech would be arrant plagiarism, but attention was drawn to one or two matters at the meeting upon which the *Hongkong Telegraph* has dwelt before and opportunity is thus legitimately given for a further reference to them.

None can have read the record of China's past year of commercial prosperity with the criticism which follows of her internal chaos without experiencing an even greater regret than has existed hitherto, that has a nation she lacks that unity of direction so essential to a full measure of success. At this important stage of her history, when she has come into a great comity of nations banded together for the preservation of civilisation's liberties, and when a scarcity of available raw materials would have made the vast resources, if freely developed, a factor of tremendous weight in her growth to world importance it is a colossal tragedy that political dissensions and armed oppositions to authority should have riven the country from extreme north to south. The energy that should have been spent outwards has been diverted inwards, and not with a great amount of effectiveness either. Canton still defies Peking, civil war is in actual progress as we write, and it seems that until the various factions have assimilated the fundamental idea that they are Chinese first and parties afterwards, matters will go on much the same as they have since the time that the Manchu Dynasty was superceded by a republican form of Government. Each group may feel inspired and truly believe that, given power, they could work out China's salvation better than the ruling clique, but they have failed to appraise at their true value the essential need of constitutional methods. All who know China well will echo the words of Mr. Dodwell when he says that "we are ardent believers in the future of China . . . . but the case of Russia shows to what lengths political theorists may be led, and it is earnestly to be hoped that Chinese politicians may be warned by this example to sink their differences in favour of the wider aims which the interests of their own country and of the world at large alike demand from them."

The other question to which reference will here be made is the scheme for the unification and reform of China's currency—a matter that stands at the very forefront of the country's commercial problems. The difficulties suffered by all traders, and the consequent hindrance caused, through the lack of a national and standardised currency are too well known by commercial men in the East, to need dilating on here, and it is pleasing to read that a scheme has been laid before the international Banking Groups and the Ministry of Finance with a view to a remedy. No great hopes are held out that the matter will see realisation before the conclusion of the war, but it is enough that the initial steps have been taken. One cannot refer to the above important topics without recalling what His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong, still recently [illegible] in Hongkong as the natural [illegible] it does, being already the [illegible] imports of the Southern Provinces, Hongkong stands to reap a wealth from the trade increase that will follow a wise and unified government of the wonderful country adjoining, the potentialities of which one contemplates with something approaching awe: There is nothing fanciful in the picture anticipated by many, of Hongkong being a great free gateway into a country the richness and prosperity of which will be the envy of the civilised world.

The Races.

Race week has opened to-day under weather conditions that augur well for the success of the 1918 meeting. This year the event is more in the nature of a war effort than it has ever been before, for a decided increase in the amount to be deducted from the pari-mutuel and cash sweep bettings has been decided on by the Jockey Club, the twelve-and-a-half per cent of last year being increased to twenty per cent. The sum to be devoted to War Charities will doubtless be much larger even than last year, and on these grounds alone none will, we feel sure, take exception to the races being held. There is one point, however, to which the attention of the Government might again be directed and that is that the revenue derived in the shape of rent from the matshed booths adjoining the enclosure should be donated by the Government to War Charities. Last year we pointed out that the patronising of these booths resulted in not a penny going to any other object than the pleasure or profit of those who rent them, and this year there is even more reason than ever why the Colony should make the small sum received in rents a charitable offering. Perhaps the only justification for the races during such a critical time in the Empire's history is the fact that they so largely assist charity, and anything that can augment the sum that will be realised should be cheerfully donated by the community.

The War Bond Lottery.

Ever since the Hongkong St. George's Society issued the advertisements announcing that there was to be a War Bond Lottery on St. George's Day, we have been waiting for protests against it. These have been so long in coming that we had almost begun to think that those people who disagree with this form of raising money for War Charities were going to let the matter pass without airing their views, but the copy of the letter which was sent to His Excellency the Governor by the Bishop of Victoria, the Rev. T. W. Pearce and other clergymen in the Colony, shows that the subject has been considered by them. We have no wish to take up a controversy after the nature of that which took place on the occasion when the last War Bond Lottery took place, but we cannot help giving expression to our agreement with His Excellency the Governor, when he says, in reply to the letter sent to him, that the ends justify the means. A little harmless gamble on the part of people wishing to assist War Charities will not have the slightest effect on the moral of the Colony. If more money can be gathered in for this very deserving object then by all means let us have a war lottery. We shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping along a good cause, and to our mind there is nothing against the people of Hongkong, or anywhere else for that matter, getting a little thrill out of the money they are subscribing.

Warning to Motorists'

We were pleased to notice the warning issued to motorists of the Colony to proceed at a slower rate in order to avoid as far as possible raising dust while there is a prevalence of cerebro spinal fever. The better cleaning and watering of the roads is sufficient evidence to show that the authorites responsible are taking steps to combat the spread of the disease, but it is up to the public to do their part too. As everyone knows there is a good deal of carelessness on the part of motor car owners on race days. Cars rush through the streets at such a speed that the unfortunate pedestrians or people riding in rickshas are smothered in the dust raised by them, and it is only fair that motorists should exercise a little care. The need for precautionary driving is doubly necessary, not only from the point of view of the safety of them, but also with regard to the [illegible] road to Happy Valley, and they are more crowded than at any other time of the year. If accidents are to be prevented it is necessary that the greatest caution should be taken by motor drivers going to or coming from the race course.

DAY BY DAY.

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To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the fall of Fort Douaumont.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11.3/8d.

Prayer Meeting.

The usual prayer meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union will be held to-morrow at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by the annual business meeting.

Street Gambling.

Five men were charged with gambling in the streets. Owing to the nature of the evidence, four received a discharge. The first defendant, who was the ringleader, was fined $10.

Distinguished Service Medal.

Captain Philip de Foubianque, Royal Engineers, who married the eldest daughter of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G., was recently awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Illicit Opium.

Two men were each charged with the unlawful possession of thirty taels of opium found in their possession at the Yuong Tai Hing Wharf. The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the second was remanded until next Saturday.

Opium Pipe.

A Chinese coolie was found in possession of an opium pipe, which he attempted to pawn, valued at about $2 which he was suspected of having stolen. Defendant gave first the address of a person at 26 Upper Lascar Row as having given it him, and when this was disproved he gave the address of a clansman, who also denied having done so. He was fined $5 with the alternative of seven day's hard labour.

Philippine Health Restrictions.

The American Consulate General has received cable notice from the quarantine authorities in the Philippine Islands to the effect that, pending the prevalence of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Hongkong, passeners from Hongkong to Philippine ports should furnish themselves with a certificate from a Hongkong health officer, vised by the United States Public Health surgeon, certifying to their non contact with cerebro spinal meningitis, for two weeks prior to their sailing.

Soldiers In Trouble.

Three soldiers, a corporal and two privates of the Royal Garrison Artillery were charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with having, on Saturday last in the evening, refused to pay the proper rickshaw hire to three coolies, and with damaging their rickshas to the extent of $20. The soldiers admitted both charges and their officer stated that they had made an agreement to pay to each of the coolies $1.50 as compensation and also to refund $20 for repairs to the rickshas. Mr. J. Wood said that their Commanding Officer would be communicated with in order that the money should be found and adjourned the case until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, when the money must be forthcoming.

Larceny from a Grave-digger.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Ball this morning with stealing a silver watch and a chain from another Chinese. Complainant who is a grave digger of the Portuguese cemetry, stated that on Saturday, about 2 p.m. while he was busily engaged in filling in a grave, his jacket was hanging on a stone cross. After a while he felt in his pocket and found that his watch and chain had been abstracted. Search began and he found defendant stood by holding his watch. He questioned him but he made no reply. He then arrested accused with his loki and took him to the police station. Defendant [illegible] it up he was arrested. His Worship suggested that if defendant were an upright man he should have instructed complainant that his watch had fallen. A sentence of two months' hard labour was passed on defendant.

INTERESTING JUDGMENT.

Hongkong Case Decided by Privy Council.

We now have received the full report of the judgment of an appeal from Hongkong to the Privy Council in the action, Tong Shun v. Fung Ping Shan and Fung Yee Chai, a case which is of considerable interest to property owners in this Colony.

This case, it will be remembered, concerned a mortage to the Defendants, who are bankers, of certain property claimed by the Plaintiff who applied to have the transaction set aside. The trial involved questions of law, and engaged the attention of the local Courts for a considerable period. The original judgment of the Chief Justice was for the Plaintiff. On appeal the Full Court here consisting of the President, Sir H. W. de Sausmarez, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Judges disagreed, the President's view being in favour of the Defendant bankers and the Puisne Judge's in favour of the Plaintiff; and consequently the original judgment stood. On the further appeal to the Privy Council the result is that final judgment has been given for the Defendant bankers with costs both in the Privy Council and below.

Council for the Plaintiff was Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, and Counsel for the Defendant bankers was the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston.

The judgment of the Privy Council consisting of Lord Shaw, Lord Parker of Waddington and Lord Sumner, and delivered by Lord Parker of Waddington states as follows:—

By an indenture dated the 17th September, 1909, and made between Pang Kit Cheong (thereinafter called the vendor), of the one part and a person therein described as "Tong Shun, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Trader," and thereinafter called the purchaser, of the other part, it was witnessed that, in consideration of 26,500 dollars then paid by the purchaser, the receipt whereof the vendor acknowledge, the vendor assigned unto the purchaser all that piece or parcel of land being Inland Lot No 556, then known as No. 104, Bonham strand, to hold the same unto the purchaser for all the residue of the term created by and subject to the payment of the rent and the performances of the lessee's covenants and conditions reserved and contained in the Crown lease therein mentioned. And the purchaser thereby covenanted with the vendor that the purchaser would during the residue of the said term pay the rent and perform the covenants in the said Crown lease reserved and contained, and indemnify the vendor against all actions, claims, and demands on account or in respect of the non-payment of the said rent or the non-performance of the said convenants and conditions, or any of them. The indenture was executed by both parties and witnessed by Mr. Hodgson, a solicitor.

The vendor was at the date of this indenture the legal owner of the leasehold property expressed to be thereby assigned and it cannot be disputed that the effect of the indenture was to pass the legal estate in this property to the person therein referred to as the purchaser. The only question is as to the identity of this person. The respondent (who will hereinafter be referred to as the "uncle") contends that he is the person in question, and that the legal estate passed to him. The appellants, on the other hand, contend that the person in question is a person who will be hereafter referred to as the "nephew" and that the legal estate passed to the nephew.

There can be no doubt that parole evidence as to the identity of a party to a deed is always admissible, but in considering such evidence it is of paramount importance to bear in mind the indicia of identity afforded by the deed itself. In the present case these indicia are as follows: the person to be looked for is a person who (1) is named Tong Shun; (2) resides at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong; (3) is a trader; (4) has paid the vendor 26,500 dollars; and (5) enters into a convenant with the vendor by signing, sealing, and delivering the indenture itself. The [illegible] name [illegible] property [illegible] Hongkong [illegible] and he may, no doubt be properly described as a trader. He also seems to have provided the 26,500 dollars paid to the vendor. But he was not resident in Hongkong when the indenture was executed. On the contrary, he resided at Chicago, his only connection with Hongkong being that he was or had been a partner in certain businesses carried on in the colony. He certainly did not either personally or by a properly constituted attorney sign, seal or deliver the indenture, or thereby enter into any convenant with the vendor. The nephew, on the other hand, has a Chinese name which may properly be rendered in English as Tong Shun; he resides in Victoria in that colony; he is a trader; he paid the 26,500 dollars, though out of money provided by the uncle; he personally signed, sealed, and delivered the indenture and he is the only person who could possibly be used by the vendor on the convenant, on the part of the purchaser therein contained.

The facts above stated taken alone would, in their Lordships' opinion, establish beyond controversy that the person in the indenture described as the purchaser was the nephew and not the uncle, but there is one additional fact which has not yet been stated, and which is said to outweigh the other evidence, or at least to create such an ambiguity as to admit evidence of intention. As hereinbefore appears both the uncle and the nephew have Chinese names, which may be properly rendered in English as Tong Shun. To the Chinese ear the names are, however, quite distinct, because their intonation is different. They are also distinct when written in Chinese characters, because these characters indicate tonal marks. It appears that the nephew in signing the indenture made use of the Chinese characters appropriate to his uncle's name and not of those appropriate to his own name. It is said that this alone is sufficient to identify the uncle as the person in the idenure described as the purchaser. Their Lordships cannot accept this contention. A person who signs, seals, and delivers a deed of convenant cannot avoid liability under the deed by signing a name which he represents as, but which is not in fact, his own, nor can he saddle such liability on the person whose name he uses, unless he is the duly constituted attorney of such person. The nephew was not the duly constituted attorney of the uncle. He is therefore liable on the convenant, and to argue that, while the person who covenants is the nephew, the property passes to the uncle would be to contradict the deed, which clearly indicates that the property passes to the person who enters into the covenant.

Even if the use of the Chinese characters appropriate to the uncle's name be said to create an ambiguity to elucidate which evidence of intention is admissible, the uncle's position is in no way improved. For it is quite certain that the vendor intended to convey to the nephew whom alone he knew in the transaction. It is nihil ad rem to say that, as long as the vendor got his money he did not care to whom he assigned the property. The nephew was not called as a witness, and his reasons for signing as he did are a matter of surmise, but having regard to the fact that he was about to perpetrate a series of frauds, it is not improbable that he desired to be able to assure the uncle (as he subsequently assured him) that his (the uncle's) name had been used in the transaction while he himself remained in a position to mortgage or otherwise deal with the property.

Their Lordships think that the legal estate undoubtedly passed to the nephew, though inasmuch as the transaction was one entered into on the uncle's behalf and with money provided by him, the nephew held the legal estate in trust for the uncle.

On the 12th November, 1909, the nephew created a legal mortgage on the property for 15,000 dollars. This was a fraud upon the uncle, for the mortgage could, by virtue of the legal estate, rely on the plea of purchase for value without notice.

On the 24th July, 1913, the nephew created an equitable mortgage on the property for 16,000 dollars. This was a fraud on the equitable mortgage, whose interest would be postponed to the prior equitable estate of the uncle.

On the 29th August, 1913, the nephew paid off this legal mortgage of the 12th November, 1909, and took a reconveyance of the legal estate.

On the same 29th August, 1913, the nephew created another legal mortgage on this property for 20,000 dollars. This mortgage was a fraud upon the uncle, over whom the mortgage took priority by virtue of the legal estate.

On the 11th December, 1913, the nephew paid off the equitable mortgage of the 24th July, 1913, and took a reconveyance of the mortgagee's interest.

On the 9th December, 1913, the nephew created an equitable mortgage on the property in favour of the appellants, for 12,000 dollars. This was a fraud on the appellants, whose interest would be postponed to the prior equitable estate of the uncle, unless, indeed, the uncle had been guilty of conduct which in a Court of Equity would preclude him from relying on his priority in time.

In this state of affairs the uncle, having very good reason to suspect misconduct on the part of the nephew, left Chicago and came to Hongkong, desiring to protect his interest in the property. He found as a fact that the nephew had defrauded him by creating the legal mortgage for 10,000 dollars, which undoubtedly had priority to his own equitable interest, and had defrauded the appellants by creating in their favour the equitable mortgage for 12,000 dollars which, apart from any question as to the uncle's conduct, was undoubtedly postponed to the uncle's equitable estate. The uncle and the nephew thereupon, after consulting solicitors in Hongkong, entered on the 30th June, 1914, into the following transaction: First, the nephew paid off the legal mortgage and took a reconveyance of the legal estate. It does not appear whether the uncle or the nephew found the money for this purpose. Secondly, the nephew assigned the legal estate to the uncle subject to the indenture, creating the equitable mortgage, and the principal and interest thereby secured, the nephew covenanting with the uncle to pay him, on demand, the principal sum of $12,000 and all interest or other monies due by virtue of the indenture of mortgage, and the costs, charges, and expenses of paying off such mortgage and obtaining a reconveyance thereof. The second point their Lordships have to decide is the effect of these transactions on the position of the appellants. The uncle contends that they do not preclude him from setting up as against the appellants the equitable estate which he undoubtedly theretofore possessed. The appellants, on the other hand, contend that such equitable interest as the uncle had prior to the transactions in question is now gone, and that his sole interest is the legal interest which he expressly takes subject to the appellants' equitable mortgage.

In considering these rival contentions, there are two points which must be borne in mind. In the first place, whatever the nephew does in carrying out the transactions in question must be taken as done by the direction of the uncle, the party beneficially interested. In the second place, the position of an equitable mortgagee may be improved by transactions to which he is not a party. Where a prior mortgage is paid off by the owners of the property, the position of a puisne equitable mortgagee is improved, although the circumstances were such that the party taking the reconveyance might, had he so chosen, have kept the mortgage alive in his own favour, so as not to benefit the puisne mortgagee. Even in the case of the creation of an equitable charge, it is not necessary that the person in whose favour the charge is created should be a party to the transaction. A conveyance by A to B, subject to a charge in favour of C, creates such a charge, if it be the intention of the parties, even though C be not himself a party to the transaction.

If these points be borne in mind and attention be paid to the indenture by which the nephew conveyed the legal estate to the uncle, it is in their Lordships' opinion reasonably clear that the effect of the transaction was, and was intended to be, that for which the appellants contend. This indenture contains a recital of the appellants' mortgage, and no recital as to its being postponed to the uncle's equitable estate. It also recites a request by the uncle to the nephew to assign the property to him, subject to the appellants' mortgage, and to enter into the covenant thereinafter contained, namely, the covenant to pay the uncle on demand the principal and interest due on such mortgage. What conceivable consideration could there be for such a convenant, unless the uncle intended to give the appellants priority to [illegible] their mortgage over his own will. [illegible] the appellants, subject [illegible] the uncle [illegible] the appellants, subject [illegible] Again, the conveyance is expressed to be subject to the appellants' indenture of mortgage and to payment of the principal and interest thereby secured, and [illegible] amount [illegible]

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charge created by this Indenture which might take effect in priority to the uncle's equitable estate, as would have been the case had the uncle intended to set up such estate against the appellants. Lastly, the nephew covenants to pay the uncle, on demand, what is secured by the appellants mortgage, and not, as would have been the case if the uncle's contention be correct, to pay those monies to the appellants and indemnify the uncle's property for any claim to a charge in respect thereof.

In their Lordships opinion, the effect of these transactions was that the uncle, instead of his equitable estate ranking in priority of appellants' mortgage, took the legal estate subject to the appellants' mortgage, in consideration of the nephew convenanting as above mentioned. The uncle's prior equitable estate, being co-extensive with the legal estate which he was acquiring would, prima facie, merge in such legal estate. (Selby v. Ashton, 3 Ves. Junr.339: Re Douglas, 28 C.D. 327, and Re Selous, 1901 1 Ch. 921). He might have kept it alive as against the appellants but he deliberately elected not to do so, and the result is that the appellants can claim the benefit of the transaction, although they were not parties to it.

Under these circumstances it is unnecessary to deal with the question whether the uncle had or had not been guilty of conduct disentitling him in a Court of Equity to set up his prior equitable estate as against the appellant's equitable mortgage.

Their Lordships will humbly advise His Majesty that this appeal should be allowed with costs here and in the Court below, and that the order of the Trial Judge should be discharged, and the action in which the appeal arises be dismissed with costs.

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Mr. [illegible] to remind our readers that the well-known Harmston's Circus opens at Causeway Bay to-night. The circus is one of the best that has ever visited the Colony and a treat is in store for those who visit it.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Amateur Performance for War Charities.

The City Hall has seldom seen such a large audience as that which gathered on Saturday night to give their material support to the effort to raise funds in the Colony in aid of the Mercantile Marine in England and Naval Prisoners of War. The effort took the form of three playlettes entitled "Acid Drops", "Five Birds in a Cage" and the "Rest Cure" organised by Mr. A. P. Stokes and ably assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen in the Colony, and from every point of view the plays presented were of a first-class nature. The acting was all that could be desired and the staging was excellent in every respect.

It would be a very difficult matter to single out any one of the plays for special mention for all of them were extremely well-done, and met with the reception they deserved.

The scene in "Acid Drops" is the women's ward of a work-house. The true atmosphere had been introduced, but what captured the hearts of the audience most, was the splendid way in which those concerned carried through their parts. There is not much of a story attaching to the play, interest centering round the dialogue of the old ladies. The chief character in this play was Mrs. Davidson who, as Mrs. Price (an ill-natured old woman) had something to say the whole of the time, mainly of a caustic nature. She was well supported by Mrs. Carpmael, as Mrs. Taylor, (an amiable old woman), Mrs. Day, as Mrs. Dent (a peculiar middle-aged woman), Miss Wilkinson, as Alice (a Young woman subject to fits), and Mrs. Thornton, who as Mrs. Gilbert played the part of a dear old lady within four days of celebrating her 101st birthday. It was she who was instrumental in settling the strained love affairs of Miss Flora Gavan, a charming young lady who visited the inmates of the ward and distributed books and acid drops, which part was taken by Miss Gordon, and the Rev. Noel Cuthbertson (Mr. T. Bowen Partington). The two latter were not much in evidence, but they supplied a very necessary part of the play and acted well.

"Five birds in a Cage" was immensely interesting, It was something quite new and allowed of a great deal of individuality on the part of those in it. The scene is in a Central London Railway lift, the workings of which have gone wrong. In it are The Duchess of Wiltsire, who entertains socialistic views of a very elastic nature, (Mrs. A. P. Stokes), Nelly, a dressmaker's assistant (Mrs. Davidson), Lord Porth who is a quite decent man, but rather an ass, (Mr. A. P. Stokes), Bert Wilson, a likeable bricklayer (Mr. H. W. Bird) and the liftman (Mr. M. Stafford Northcote). Between them they provided any amount of amusement. Mrs. Stokes was exceptionally good in her part, as was Mr. Stokes, while Mr. Northcote, Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Bird were all that could be desired. This little play was perhaps the best of the three.

In the "Rest Cure" Mrs. Davidson, as Muriel, the servant in a Nursing Home in which Clarence Reed, an author in search of a rest (Mr. A. P. Stokes), shone perhaps more than anyone excepting Mr. Stokes who of course was the chief character. But it was Mrs. Davidson who supplied the majority of the interesting situations. The story briefly is that concerning a rather middle-aged man who writes books. He fancies himself to be a nervous wreck when all the time he is as well as the average man. He enters the Nursing Home to get a month's rest but makes a nuisance of himself complaining of the noise which goes on. His fancied ailment is not assisted by the doleful tales of death and illness told him by Alice Palmer, [illegible] named by Muriel the maid of all work, fair cut (Mrs. A. P. Stokes). Muriel is an honest soul with a happy knack of discerning a humbug. Clarence Reed is one of these. She does not mince matters and tells him frankly that he is fancying he is ill. She is so convincing that he recognises himself as a nuisance to himself and his pretty wife Olive (Miss Hastings), and resolves to reform. There is some little trouble in making his escape, his trousers having been hidden, but with the help of Muriel, whom he has promised to reward by appointing her his secretary when she will have the opportunity of writing a book she has in hand of reminiscences of nursing homes, he makes good his escape. The play is exceedingly amusing.

Throughout the performance the audience was most appreciative as could be judged from the unstinted applause which marked the acting.

Mr. A. P. Stokes requests us to mention that Mrs. Thornton took the part of Mrs. Gilbert in "Acid Drops" and the part of Alice Palmer in "The Rest Cure," [illegible] owing to the [illegible] of Mrs. Leslie who was to have acted them, was unfortunately [illegible] Mr. Stokes also asks us to announce that accounts for advertisements should be sent to Mr. R. Sutherland, who will be acting as treasurer owing to that fact that Mr. Stokes intends leaving the Colony.

WAR COMFORTS.

City Hall Work Party.

Four cases were packed between February 1st and February 7th One was sent to the 48th. Hospital Alexandria and 3 were sent to Bombay for Mesopotamia.

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The following are letters from Mesopotamia which speak with appreciation of our work.

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Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.
December 19th. 1917.

Mrs. N. J. Stabb,
City Hall Work Party,
Queens Mary's Needlework Guild,
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Dear Madam,

Permit me not only on behalf of the Red Cross in Mesopotamia but still more so on behalf of the sick and wounded men in the Hospitals who receive your very welcome gifts—to thank you for all you are doing for them. I need hardly add that the kind thought which has prompted the despatch of these gifts from so far away is greatly appreciated by the sick and wounded of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force.

Yours very truly
S. M. MOENS
Lt. Col.
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British Red Cross and
Order of St. John Base Depot
Basrah.

20th, December 1917.

Mrs. N. J. Stabb,
City Hall Work Party,
City Hall
Hongkong.

Dear Madam,

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st March at 10 a.m. by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

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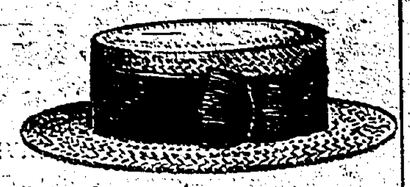

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Dock Developments at Sunderland.

Notice has been given by the River Wear Commissioners of their intention to apply to Parliament for powers to enlarge their existing No. 1 Graving Dock at the South Docks, and they are also asking for power to lease the enlarged dock to Messrs. T. W. Greenwell and Co., ship repairers, &c., of Sunderland. The plans show that the enlarged dock will be capable of accommodating a very large type of vessel and will provide repairing facilities, the need of which at the port has been recognised for a very long time.

Compensation for Submarined Vessel.

A telegram from The Hague says:—The Ministry for Foreign Affairs announces that the German Government has paid compensation for the sinking of the Dutch Transatlantic Steamer Blommersdyk and for the damage caused to the Dutch steamer Ryndyk.

Reuter adds:—The Blommersdyk was one of six vessels sunk off the American coast in October, 1916, by a German submarine.

The "Telegraaf" Rotterdam correspondent says that the compensation paid for the two ships is 1,000,000 and 1,300,000 florins respectively.

A Naval Architect's Death.

The death took place recently, at the age of 71, of Mr. Alexander Adamson, naval architect. Mr. Adamson served his apprenticeship with Messrs. Randolph, Elder and Co. (later the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Govan), and ultimately became naval architect to the firm. Afterwards he was shipyard manager successively to Palmers' Company, Jarrow; Armstrong, Mitchell and Co., Elswick; and the Naval Construction Works, Barrow (of which he was later managing director). He was a member of council of the Institution of Naval Architects and a member of Lloyd's Register Technical Committee. When at Fairfield he designed, amongst other vessels, the Arizona, Alaska, Umbria, and Etruria.

Australian Shipbuilding Developments.

Federal Government has authorised the preparation of a slip at the State shipbuilding yard at Williamstown, Victoria, for the construction of a 3,000-ton standard vessel, the Federal authorities supplying the material. It is also understood that the manager of the Commonwealth Naval Dockyard at Cockatoo Island, Sydney, has been investigating the possibility of shipbuilding being undertaken at Launceston, and to have stated that the iron foundries there could, with the addition of some essential machinery, readily cope with the class of work required, while, with regard to labour, there was reason to believe that skilled mechanics in sufficient numbers are available. Mr. Milne adds that he is informed that steel plates for ships can be rolled at steel works Newcastle.

Forth and Clyde Ship Canal.

A new development has taken place in connection with the Forth and Clyde Ship Canal. It appears that a Government Committee, on which the Admiralty, the Board of Trade, and the Committee on Reconstruction are represented, has the matter under consideration at the present time, and that a decision is likely to be reached in the near future. It is known that the Admiralty is inclined on naval grounds to favour the Loch Lomond route, Tamfalla, indeed, notified the Mid-Scotland Ship Canal Association to this effect. Some months ago, however, when the claims of the direct route were being pressed on the Admiralty by Glasgow interests, the promise was given that no decision to construct a waterway would be made except after full consideration of the merits of the rival claims. Detailed plans of the Loch Lomond route, which have been prepared by Messrs. Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Company, have been placed before the Government Committee, and an intimation has been received that plans of the direct route are also being drawn up by this firm, so that the necessary information to enable the claims of the rival routes to be determined will be before the committee. The Admiralty have already intimated their desire for more information as to the direct route. The Mid-Scotland Canal Association is taking steps to form a Parliamentary Committee to advocate the advantages of the direct route. The opinion is generally held that the waterway will be made under Government auspices.

THE
HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.
EXTRA.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1918.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

(*Continued from Page 8.*)

9.—The Jockey Club Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917 1918 allowed 10lb. Winners at this meeting 5lb. extra. Entrance $10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr Adamerio's Fairy Light 11st 11lb (Mr Moller) 1
Mr John Peel's Star of Doon 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone) 2
Sir Paul's Windsor Dahlia 11st 11lb (Mr Gegg) 3
Mr Henry Humphrey's Brown Mouse 10st 4lbs (Mr Knoll) 0
Mr Lux's Anticipation 11st 11lb (Mr Kremer) 0
Sir Paul's Perfection Dahlia 11st 11lb (Mr Vida) 0

Perfection Dahlia took the lead, Fairy Light being left at the post. Star of Doon was first past the Judges Box, followed by Perfection Dahlia, Brown Mouse and Windsor Dahlia. At the Gate Perfection Dahlia went to the front, Star of Doon being second and Brown Mouse third. Round the Village Bend Fairy Light came up into a foremost position, and a good race resulted in Fairy Light winning by half a length. Star of Doon was second, being only a short head in front of Windsor Dahlia third. Time 2 mins. 43 4/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $12.00
Places, $6.40; $6.50; $13.20.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 538	1st	$1,767
" " 625	2nd	503
" " 134	3rd	252
Commission		726
Total		$3,250

$25 tickets.—332, 420, 494.

10.—The Racing Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners 5lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance $5. Seven Furlongs.

Mr George Sands Bubblesand 11st 4lb (Mr Ezra) 1
Mr Henry Humphrey's Rock Mouse 10st 12lbs (Mr Knoll) 2
Mr John Peel's Balcarry 11st 1lb (Mr Johnstone) 3
Dr. Forsyth's Rufus 10st 13lb (Mr Sutton) 0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Stanley Chief 10st 7lb (Mr Elias) 0
Mr Goshead's Puffbox 10st 5lb (Mr Barton) 0
Dr Forsyth's Bitterne 10st 12lb (Mr Sedgewick) 0
Mr Base's Broken Doll 10st 10lb (Mr Morrison) 0
Mr Adam's Fraud 10st 10lbs (Mr Adams) 0
Mr Adamerio's Tabby Cat 10st 4lb (Mr Moller) 0
Mr Lux's Yser 10st 12lb (Mr Kremer) 0
Mr Medico's Kingsway 10st 9lbs (Mr Vida) 0

From a bad start Bubblesand was left. The field bunched at the Gate when Balcarry shot ahead. The field strung out with Kingsway in fourth place. A fine race down the Village Bend, and into the Home Straight resulted in Bubblesand, finely ridden by Ezra, coming through and winning from Rock Mouse by half a length. Balcarry was only a head behind the second placed pony. Time 1 min. 51 3/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $26.00.
Places, $6.10; $5.50; $5.80.

Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 454	1st	$1,749.
" " 249	2nd	499.
" " 338	3rd	249.
Commission		993.
Total		$3,495.

$25 tickets 560, 553, 495, 152, 136, 443, 662, 403, 58.

SHANGHAI POLICE.

Some Members for the Front.

Of the seven members of the Shanghai Municipal Police for whom a rousing "send-off" was given at Louza Police Station on Thursday night, says the *N. C. Daily News* of February 11, three are leaving for the front to-day, Messrs. McGillivary, Quayle and Doyle. The remaining four are expected to leave during the next three or four weeks.

A brief sketch of each man's service here and before joining the police is given:—

Colin McGillivray.—A native of Scotland; joined the local force in February, 1909 and was promoted sergeant in June 1913. He was in the Imperial Yeomanry, Lovat Scouts, at Home. His brother, W. D. McGillivray; also a sergeant, left Shanghai for the front in July 1915, was wounded in France, won the military medal in the battle of Arras, and is now in Salonica. His cousin, William, also a police sergeant, left the force in August, 1915, and joined the Royal Scots; he was also wounded at Arras where he lost his left arm.

J. Quayle.—Joined the Police in January, 1912, and was made detective sergeant in April, 1916. He is a Londoner and was in civil service at Home. He had won fame as a footballer before coming to Shanghai, being a member of the Woolwich Arsenal Football Club. An all-round athlete.

C. Doyle.—A Lancashire man; joined in October, 1912, and was made sergeant in February, 1917. Played outside left for the Police Football Club since joining the force; also a cricketer of no mean ability, a good bat. Represented the Police in billiard league games.

J. Lawson.—A Scotsman and a constable; joined the force in October, 1912, coming from the Glasgow police force. He has been attached to the Mixed Court staff since 1915. Now commissioned in the Labour Corps.

J. Mason.—A Londoner, joined the police in October, 1912; was made sergeant in January, 1916. He was formerly in the Royal Field Artillery and has been commissioned in the Labour Corps. Played cricket for the Police when off duty, being wicket keeper last season; is a fair bat.

C. Powell.—Another Londoner; joined in December, 1908, and received his sergeant's stripes in January, 1913. Was in the South African Constabulary during the South African war. Prominent in masonry, being Past Master. Has commission in Labour Corps.

J. G. Adams.—A Dundee man; has been on the force since December, 1908 and was made sergeant in October, 1914. Was half-back and captain of the Police Football Team and last Wednesday had the pleasure of being first to land the Skottowe Cup. Also a cricketer; a fair bat and a good bowler. Commissioned in the Labour Corps.

First Edition of "Pickwick."

At Christie's sale-room recently a first edition, in the original 20 parts, of Charles Dickens's "Pickwick Papers," illustrated by Seymour, Buss, and "Phiz," enclosed in morocco case, fetched £74, and a Book of Hours in manuscript on vellum, each page beautifully bordered, and with 13 fully-page illuminated miniatures, started at 20 guineas, and was eventually knocked down for 90 guineas. Two other Books of Hours, one in manuscript on vellum, and the other printed on vellum, with 11 full-page woodcuts, finely illuminated, fetched together 130 guineas.

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FOOTBALL.

DIVISION 1.

R. E. v. Club.

In this match the teams were as follows:—Referee.—Mr. Byrne. R. E.—Clarke; Blumfield, Simonds; Charters, Smith, White; Strange, Parton, Townsend, Hortop, Pascall. Club.—G. Rodger; Cave, McCubben; Ralston, Stewart, Irvine; Rasmussen, Pasco, Gerrard, McTavish, J. Rodger.

The Sappers tried two of their second string in this match, which somewhat weakened them, especially in defence. Play opened in favour of the Club, whose forwards kept the Sappers' defence very busy. The Club were the first to score from a penalty, Rodger being charged in the back when in possession of the ball. Stewart took the kick and put straight to the goalie who, however, only partially saved. From the kick off the ball was passed out to Pascall, who put in a fine shot after beating Cave, but found Rodger in fine form. At this period the Sappers began to have a little more of the game, but at half time the Club were leading by 1 to nil, which they quite deserved.

The Engineers re-arranged their forward line for the second half, which was quite a success, Strange taking up the centre position and Townsend going outside. Quite a change came over the game in the second half, the Sappers attacking vigorously most of the time. Hands in the penalty area gave them a chance to equalize. Strange took the kick, which Rodger saved, but Strange followed up and made the score level. The Sappers tried hard to gain the lead, many fine shots being saved by Rodger in fine style. McTavish played a good game for the Club, but he did not receive the support he might have done. Result.—1 goal each.

R.G.A. v Navy.

Played on the Navy Ground, Mr. Wright being in charge of the game. R.G.A.—Taylor; Gretton, Dickenson; Gorman, Talford, Townsend; Youngman, Edgeler, Watson, Baxter, Green. Navy.—Crocker; Biggs, Coaker; Hollamby, Smith, Neil; Clarke, Fleming, Luxton, Cape, Travis.

In winning this match by 1 goal to nil, the Gunners are bound to finish up top of the 1st Division, as before this game they only wanted one out of a possible four. Play throughout was of a very even character, and one of the best witnessed this season. Youngman was in excellent form, his fine turn of speed serving him well. Just on half time Watson, the Gunners' centre forward, registered the only goal. Coaker, the Navy back, was a tower of strength to his side.

In the second half, the Navy did a good deal of pressing, and had hard lines on more than one occasion. Coaker came up into the forward line to try and make the score level, but when the whistle blew for time the score was unaltered.

DIVISION 77.

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's.

Played on the Club Ground at 3.0 p.m. Kowloon.—Jennings; Hamilton, White; Van Langenberg, Jones; Abbas; Rasmussen, Knight, Mopsden, Halsall, Tatam. St. Joseph's.—U. M. Omar; Jackson, E. P. Hyndman; Silva; Marcel, R. Hyndman; R. Omar, Bandran, E. R. Hyndman, Ogley, Hyder.

Kowloon went off in fine style, Rasmussen shooting outside after some good combination. St. Joseph soon settled down however, to their usual game, and play became fast and even. Many fine chances of scoring came to both sides, but the shooting left much to be desired, the great fault being lifting the ball too much. Half time. No score.

Play was very even in the second half, but the pace fell away somewhat. Jones, for Kowloon, played a sturdy game at half. It was not till a few minutes from time that a goal was obtained. E. Hyndman, after beating the back, scored a good goal. Result.—St. Joseph's 1, Kowloon 0.

CRICKET.

H.K. C.C. v. Civil Service.

There was quite a deal of interesting league cricket on Saturday, but perhaps the most attractive match was that played between the Hongkong Cricket Club, and the Civil Service teams. Batting first the Hongkong Club declared at 210, for one wicket, T. E. Pearce batting in fine style for 116, not out. Capt. E. H. Gray 51, H. E. Muriel 22, and "Mr. Extras" contributed the remainder. The Civil Service team only had forty-five minutes to bat before time but succeeded in compiling 152 for six wickets, thanks mainly to the steady batting of W. C. Dixon, who knocked up 72. The match thus ended in a draw.

The scores were:—

Hongkong C.C.

T. E. Pearce, not out	116
Captain E. H. Gray, b Ling	51
H. E. Muriel, not out	22
Extras	21
Total (for 1 wkt. declared)	210

F. J. de Rome, M. M. Maas, R. P. Thursfield, E. R. Thomas, F. W. S. Evans, Lt.-Col. R. H. Morgan, F. Sutton and D. E. Donnelly, did not bat.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. W. Hamilton	6	0	28	0
R. E. O. Bird	6	0	23	0
R. C. Witchell	5	0	34	0
Hon. C. Seven	4	0	31	0
W. E. Dixon	3	0	26	0
F. Ling	4	0	29	1
C. M. W. Reynolds	1	0	18	0

Civil Service.

W. E. Dixon, c and b Pearce	72
D. M. Goodall, b Donnelly	43
R. C. Witchell, l.b.w., b Donnelly	0
B. W. Bradbury, l.b.w., b de Rome	5
C. M. W. Reynolds, not out	2
E. W. Hamilton, b de Rome	21
R. E. O. Bird, b Donnelly	4
W. H. Edmonds, not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 6 wkts)	152

W. H. Edmonds, F. Ling, and C. Savern did not bat.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. E. Donnelly	14	0	44	3
Lt.-Col. Morgan	6	0	26	0
Capt. Gray	6	1	17	0
T. E. Pearce	9	0	38	1
F. J. de Rome	10	2	22	2

Kowloon v. University.

Although Kowloon won this match by 99 runs there was a very exciting finish, for the last University batsman went in only ten minutes before time. He was accounted for quite brilliantly by Blackburn who brought off a splendid catch. There was no other outstanding feature of the match, although several of the Kowloon players reached double figures, K. R. Macaskill heading the list with 44.

The full scores were:—

Kowloon.

J. Stalker, c Samy, b Marley	2
F. E. Joseland, c Lim, b Marley	37
L. E. S. Hodge, b Brayshay	1
L. J. Blackburn, c Lim, b Marley	5
K. R. Macaskill, c Gittens, b Redmond	44
J. P. Robinson, c Jack, b Redmond	15
R. Pestonji, b Brayshay	2
C. J. Stapleton, c Marley, b Redmond	10
F. Wheeler, not out	29
H. T. Elson, not out	26
Extras	10
Total (for 8 wickets declared)	181

P. H. Cobb did not bat.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. E. Marley	15	1	58	3
F. A. Redmond	10	1	32	3
K. Brayshay	22	1	85	2

University.

F. A. Redmond, b Stalker	1
A. H. Ramjahn, c Macaskill, b Stalker	12
G. E. Marley, l.b.w., b Cobb	3
K. Brayshay, c Stalker, b Cobb	4
J. D. Wright, c Stalker, b Cobb	5
Lim King Sim, c Blackburn, b Stalker	31
D. K. Samy, b Stalker	5
G. Hall, c Elson, b Cobb	8
W. Gittens, not out	5
Cheah Toon Lok, b Stalker	2
J. M. Jack, c Blackburn, b Cobb	1
Extras	4
Total	84

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the registered office of the Company, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the First day of March, 1918, at 12 noon, when the subjoined resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 8th day of February, 1918, will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the word "twice" in the second line and the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 56.

(b) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first, seventh and last lines; the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the eighth line; and the insertion of the word "an" between the words "at" and "ordinary" in the seventh line, of Article No. 61.

(c) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the third and fifth lines and the substitution of the word "an" for "the" in the third and fifth lines and the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the third and sixth lines of Article No. 62.

(d) By the deletion of the word "Half" and the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the first line of Article No. 90.

(e) By the deletion of the word "Half" wherever appearing in Article No. 93.

(f) That the following clause be inserted in Article 107 after Sub-clause (p) thereof, namely, (p) a.—

TO DEAL WITH RESERVE FUND.

(p) a. To employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, and in or such other purposes as the Directors shall in their discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company.

(g) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 111.

(h) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first line of Article No. 126.

(i) By the substitution of the word "Once" for "twice" in the first line of Article No. 129.

Dated the 18th day of February, 1918.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1918.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1917.	1918.
Tytam	9 ft. 2in. Below overflow	29 ft. 9in. Below overflow
Tytam Byewash	28ft. 7in. Below overflow	44ft. 10in. Below overflow
Tytam Intermediate	6ft. 6in. Below overflow	1ft. 4in. Below overflow
Tytam Tuk	Under construction	35ft. 9in. Below overflow
Wong-nai-chung	45ft. 8in. Below overflow	32ft. 4in. Below overflow
Pokfulam	25ft. 10in. Below overflow	29ft. 8in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1917.	1918.
Tytam	63.37	180.25
Tytam Byewash	nil.	0.73
Tytam Intermediate	0.80	2.48
Tytam Tuk	215.06	824.50
Wong-nai-chung	nil.	1.20
Pokfulam	73.25	9.80
Total	330.53	1,018.96

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1917	1918	
Consumption	107.47	170.35	M. gallons
Estimated population	365,073	370,600	
Consumption per head per day	0.30	0.07	gallons

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected from Rider Mains and a supply was given by public street fountains only during January, 1917, expect for 8 days end, when full supply was turned on owing to Chinese New Year. constant supply in all districts during January 1918.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1917	1918
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	10ft. 10in. Below overflow	15ft. 8in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1917	1918
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	548.96	537.64

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1917	1918	
Consumption	23.96	32.56	M. gallons
Estimated population	98,170	101,150	
Consumption per head per day	0.8	0.7	gallons

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				LENGTH	BREADTH
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No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	450'	60'	22'	450'	60'
Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	300'		22'	300'	60'
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JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

THE OPENING OF 1918 MEETING.

CAPITAL SPORT AT THE RACE COURSE TO-DAY.

Surrounded with all its customary associations, the 1918 Race Meeting, promoted by the Hongkong Jockey Club, opened at Happy Valley this morning, and the conditions were in all respects ideal. As the preliminary training has gone on it has been revealed that the racing will prove as open as any within the memory of even the oldest racing enthusiast, and public interest in the three days' event has seldom been higher. Over all festivities the war naturally castsits shadow, but, considering all the circumstances, this year's meeting has commenced under the most promising auspices. Owing to the outbreak of spotted fever there had been some talk during the past week of the advisability of cancelling the meeting but the dangers of holding it have been deemed not nearly sufficient to warrant such a drastic step. When one reflects that the races will result in a handsome sum of money being voted to War Charities, surely none will find exception to them. An additional source of help is secured this year, as it was last, by many of the members of the Jockey Club forfeiting their right of free entry into the enclosure, thus demonstrating their desire to help charities to every extent possible. The per centage of monies deposited in the cash sweeps and pari-mutuel usually retained by the Jockey Club has again been increased (?), and the meeting is thus more than ever in the nature of a war effort—though an exceedingly pleasant one, none will deny.

Details in relation to the stables, ponies and entries always make interesting reading. The stables this year number 32, as compared with 43 last year and 39 the year before, The decrease can be mainly accounted for by the amalgamation of several old stables, a notable example being the new stable of "Adamerio", this being a combination of Mr Adams' and Mr. Erics', or in other words of Mr. Soares and Mr. Moller. There are one or two entirely new stables, among them being the well-known "Sand" stable of Shanghai, owned by Mr. Sutterle, who races in Shanghai under the style of "Mr. Elrestus" and who is here known as "Mr. George Sands". Another is "Mr. Lux," this being the *nom de plume* adopted by M. de Journal, whose ponies bear well-known place names that have figured in the fighting in France and Flanders. The ponies total 107, comparing with 110 a year ago, and 104 in 1916. This number is made up of 27 derby griffins, 32 old ponies and 48 subscription griffins. There were originally 50 "subs" brought down from the north, but one, owned by Mr. M. S. Sassoon, died, and another, owned by Sir Paul Chater, was discarded. The possession of the derby griffins is divided as follows:—Mr. White 3, Sir Ellis Kadoorie 3, Mr. Soares 5, Mr. John Peel 3, Sir Paul 4, Mr. Sutterle 4, Mr. Nemazee 2, and Mr. Humphreys, Messrs. Logan and Basto and Mr. Geo. Grimble one each. Sir Ellis Kadoorie heads the list with old ponies, having 5, and is followed by Sir Paul with 4, Mr. Soares with 3, Mr. John Peel with 3, Mr. Sutterle with 2 and a whole string of other owners with one each, most of these ponies being old Gymkhana runners. In the matter of entries, the number is well up to the standard of previous years, there being 940 entries for the thirty races on the first three days. In the classic race of the Meeting there are 27 entries, this being against 30 last year and 23 two years ago.

The events on the card are practically the same as last year, only a transference of a race from one day to another being noticed.

In the list of stewards we notice some new names as compared with a year ago, these being absent—Col. John Ward, M. P., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, and Mr. G. C. Moxon. The two latter are acting as stewards in charge of the scales and we notice that Mr. W. D. Jupp is acting as one of the assistant Judges for the first time here. The list of Stewards is as follows:—

His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.G.
His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C. M. G.
The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.
His Honour Sir W. Rees Davies, K. C.

Mr. H. J. Gedge, Mr. D. M. Ross,
Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. N. J. Stabb,
The Hon. Mr. David Landale. Lieut.-Col. John Ward, M. P.

Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. H. P. White,
The Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Mr. G. C. Moxon,—Stewards in charge of the Scales.
Mr. D. M. Ross,—Handicapper.
Mr. F. B. Marshall,—Judge.
Mr. W. D. Jupp. Mr. D. M. Ross,—Assistant Judges.
Mr. H. P. White,—Paddock.
Mr. H. J. Gedge,—Starter.
Mr. Paul M. Hodgson,—Second Starter.
Mr. M. S. Sassoon,—Time Keeper.
Messrs. Linstead and Davis.—Secretaries and Treasurers.
Mr. T. F. Hough,—Clerk of the Course.

Mention of the officials would not be complete without a reference to the veteran Clerk of the Course, Mr. T. F. Hough, who for well over a quarter of a century has been associated with the Hongkong Race Meeting. Not a few remember his prowess as a jockey and his familiar figure, in the dress of his office, would be one that would by very much missed.

The gaeity of the course was a thing of pleasure as it ever was, the various stands being gay with bunting and flags. The rail-side stands and enclosures, embellished as they were with a truly magnificent display of flowers, gave the event an atmosphere of real enjoyableness. The matshed booths to the west and east of the enclosure were again crowded by Europeans and Chinese and in the vicinity of the course, both inside the golf course and on the roads, crowds were all agog with the excitement of the day.

Special mention should be made of the efforts of the Tramway Company to cope with the large numbers of people making their way to the Valley, a special service being organised, Mr. W. E. Roberts and Mr. Course of the Tramway Company being responsible. The Police arrangements were again admirable, and not a little assistance was given by members of the Police Reserve, a large number being on special duty.

The early morning saw a change in the weather the cold crisp sunshine of the past week giving place to a rather damp and warmer atmosphere. Although the sky was inclined to be overcast the day was exceedingly pleasant, the ladies light dresses giving a dash of colour to the assembly in which there was a fair proportion of khaki.

His Excellency the Governor arrived at 11.45 just as the second bell for the first race had been sounded.

The first jockey to weigh in was Mr. Moller, who was riding Mr. Adamerio's White Cat.

The arrangements for dealing with the pari-mutuel were again in the hands of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, members of the Army Pay Corps being actively responsible. The posting up of entries and a whole host of subordinate but essential work was performed by military men, under Garrison Sergeant Major Hurle.

The condition of the course was voted good and quite fast. The preliminary training gallops had not seemed to have had much effect, and the absence of rain had kept the going easy.

The first two races were well contested, Morning Glory disappointed a large company of backers, for starting a hot favourite he only gained third place. Rocksand was favourite for the Maiden Stakes and won after a great struggle.

In the four races which were held before tiffin J. Johnstone had three wins.

In the amount of the commission in the figures given below is included the $25 paid to the owners of non-winning tickets.

The band of the 25th Batt. Middlesex Regiment, (Under Bandmaster Laurie Owen) played the following programme of music:—

March,... Washington Grays, Grafulla.
Valse,... Premier Printemps, Margis.
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Selection,... Push and Go, Darewski.
Serenade,... Amins,... Linche.
Fox Trot,... Hors D'oeuvre Owen.
Selection,... Reminiscennes of England,... Godfrey.
Love Dance,... Every little Movement, ... Hoschna.
Valse,... Nights of Gladness, Ancliffe.
Selection,... Chu Chin Chow, Norton.
March,... Militaire... Gounod.

1.—The Wong-nei-chong Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of any Season non winners. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong. Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $5. Half a Mile.

Mr John Peel's Ridgeway, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone)	1
Mr Drysdust's Peekskill 11st 11lb (Mr McBain)	2
Mr Barady's Morning Glory 10st 12lb (Mr Vida)	3
Mr Adamerio's White Cat, 10st 12lb (Mr. Moller)	0
Mr George Sand's, Sporting Sand, 11st 11lb (Mr Ezra)	0
Messrs. L and B's Ebony Pearl, 10st 9lbs (Mr Elias)	0
Mr Lux's Yser, 10st 12lbs (Mr Kremer)	0
Messrs. Thomas and Sedgwick's Bill Brewer 10st 9lbs (Mr Sedgwick)	0
Mr Mountseo's Ole Bill, 10st 13lbs (Mr Gegg)	0
Mr Billiard's White Chalk, 10st 7lbs (Mr Morrison)	0
Messrs Baith, Ross and Swick's King Dick 10st 13lbs (Mr Barton)	0
Mr Henry's The Buster 10st 9lbs (Mr Knoll)	0

The ponies were out well to time, Ridgeway first taking the field. There were several false starts, but eventually they got away, with Morning Glory in the van followed by Sportingsand. Down the incline the positions were unchanged, Ridgeway lying third. Rounding the bend the advantage was still with Morning Glory. A good race ensued up the home straight. Morning Glory, on the rails, still maintained the lead, with Sportingsand on the outside and Ridgeway, still third. White Cat was forcing the pace, but Ridgeway gradually displaced the leader to win by a length with half a length between Peekskill and Morning Glory. Time 59.2/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $19.50
Places, $7.80; $18.70; $6.00
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 292	1st	$710
" " 229	2nd	203
" " 52	3rd	101
Commission		536
Total		$1,550

$25 tickets:—55, 137, 285, 301, 114, 117, 223, 128, 44.

2.—The Maiden Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7 lb. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr George Sand's Rocksand 11st 11lb (Mr Ezra)	1
Mr Drysadust's Maybe 10st 12lbs (Mr McBain)	2
Mr Adamerio's Siamese Cat 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller)	3
Mr John Peel's New Year, 10st 9lbs (Mr Johnstone)	0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Shaten Chief 10st 12lbs (Mr Knoll)	0
Mr Adamerio's Gentlecat 11st 11lb (Mr Sedgwick)	0
Sir Paul's Conquest Dahlia 10st 12lbs (Mr Vida)	0

A bad start, Conquest Dahlia getting an advantage of several lengths from the rest of the field, New Year being many lengths behind. Up the incline Conquest Dahlia led, with Rocksand and Siamese Cat in the two next positions. At the rock Rocksand went into the leading position and Maybe displaced Siamese Cat in the third position. Rocksand, easily ridden, led by several lengths from Conquest Dahlia into the straight, with Maybe third. The leader was strongly challenged by Maybe and a fine race ensued. Rocksand getting home by half a length, with Maybe a length and a half ahead on Siamese Cat. Times 1 min 32.4/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $11.90.
Place, $6.30; $6.20; $11.20
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 295	1st	$1,010
" " 218	2nd	288
" " 311	3rd	144
Commission		488
Total		$1,930

$25 tickets:—32, 51, 19, 279

3.—The Victoria Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Bona fide Griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 10 lb. Entrance $10. One Mile.

Mr John Peel's, Sandy, 10st 2lb (Mr Johnstone)	1
Mr George Sands, Merrysand (late Danmore 10st 12lbs) (Mr Ezra)	2
Mr Drysadust's, The Spec, 10st 9lbs (Mr McBain)	3
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's, Essex Chief, 10st 12lbs (Mr Knoll)	0

The ponies got away on a level start, Spec passing the post first slightly leading Merrysand and Sandy in the second and third positions. The same order continued at the gate, Spec's lead being about a length from Merrysand, Sandy still being third. The ponies raced in the same order up the incline, Merrysand slightly gaining on the leader, with Sandy losing ground. At the rock Merrysand drew level with Spec and took the lead down the incline. Into the straight Merrysand had the inside position, Sandy having improved his position and lying second. The two leaders raced neck to a neck to most exciting finish, Sandy winning by a neck, three lengths separating second and third. Time 2 mins. 08 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $7.00.
Places, $5.10; $5.20.
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 52	1st	$1,276
" " 108	2nd	364
" " 129	3rd	182
Commission		488
Total		$2,310

$25 tickets:—363.

4.—The Valley Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance $10. Three quarters of a Mile.

Mr Dynasty's, King Tom, 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone)	1
Mr Wayfoong's, Camouflage, 10st 12lbs (Mr Sedgwick)	2
Mr George Sand's, Bubblesand, 11st 11lb (Mr Ezra)	3
Mr Henry Humphrey's Meadow Mouse, 10st 12lbs (Mr Knoll)	0
Mr J. H. Congdon's Dividend, 11st 11lb (Mr Gegg)	0
Mr Drysadust's Over There 10st 9lbs (Mr McBain)	0
Mr Lux's Marne, 10st 12lbs (Mr Moller)	0
Sir Paul's Sunstar Dahlia 11st 11lb (Mr Vida)	0
Mr Adams' Herod, 11st 11lb Mr Adams	0
Mr Goahead's Puff Box, 10st 9lbs (Mr Barton)	0
Mr H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Huntsman 10st 12lbs (Mr Elias)	0

King Tom took the lead from a good start, followed by Puffbox and Camouflage, with Dividend several lengths behind. At the bottom of the incline Meadow Mouse was in the leading position with Bubblesand second and Puffbox third. The same order obtained at the rock, but Bubblesand led at the village bend, while Puffbox had dropped to second place, with Meadow Mouse third and Camouflage fourth. Into the straight Bubblesand had the rail position, with Camouflage second and King Tom on the outside. A good race resulted in King Tom winning by half a length from Camouflage with Bubblesand a length behind the second placed pony.

Time:—1 min. 34 secs.
Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $13.20.
Places, $6.40.; $12.20; $6.10
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 37	1st	$1,204
" " 369	2nd	344
" " 257	3rd	172
Commission		680
Total		$2,400

$25 tickets:—463, 445, 87, 73, 181, 188, 147, 432.

5.—The Challenge Cup.—Valued One hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winners to receive $500 and 70 per cent., Second $250 and 20 per cent., Third $125 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. and the Third Pony 25 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. Entrance $10. One Mile and three quarters.

Mr George Sand's, Royal Sand, 11st. 7lb. (Mr Ezra)	1
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Kalgan Chief 11st 11lb (Mr Knoll)	2
Mr Adamerio's Xmas Light, 10st. 12lb. (Mr Moller)	3
Mr Mase's Adventure 10st 12lbs (Mr Sedgwick)	0

Royalsands took the lead from Xmas Light at the start. Kalgan Chief being last. Royalsand maintained the lead for the first round, but on going up the incline Kalgan Chief displaced Xmas Light for second place, Adventure being well behind. Rounding the Village Bend Royalsand increased his lead without much effort and won easily in a canter with Kalgan Chief second and Xmas Light third. Won by four lengths. There were many lengths between second and third. Time: 3 mins 43 4/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $5.30.
Places, $5.50; $8.90.
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 340	1st	$2,040
" " 223	2nd	583
" " 328	3rd	291
Commission		761
Total		$3,675

$25 ticket:—637.

6.—The Trial Plate.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins on date of entry. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 7 lb. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 7 lb. extra. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10. Allowances accumulative. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in.

Mr John Peel's Domino 11st 11lbs (Mr Johnstone)	1
Mr Dryasdust's Salamander 11st 11lb (Mr McBain)	2
Sir Paul's Modesty Dahlia 10st 12lbs (Mr Vida)	3
Mr George Sand's Daintysand 10st 12lbs (Mr Ezra)	0
Mr Adamerio's Persian Cat 11st 11lbs (Mr Moller)	0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief 11st 11lb (Mr Knoll)	0

Daintysands took the lead at the start but Persian Cat was the first past the post with Daintysand second. Modesty Dahlia and Tytam Chief bringing up the rear. Persian Cat was still in the lead at the Gate but Salamander had gone up to second place. Salamander forced the pace up the incline and the field bunched. A fine race ensued from the Distant Post between Salamander and Domino. Domino won by a neck, half a length separating Salamander and Modesty Dahlia. Time 2 mins. 25 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $16.40.
Places, $5.50; $5.50; $6.00.
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 230	1st	$1,862
" " 367	2nd	532
" " 567	3rd	266
Commission		760
Total		3,420

$25 tickets:—89, 229, 283.

7.—The Garrison Stakes.—Winner $500. Second $200. Third $100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of any Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at previous Meetings of one Race 7 lbs; of more than one 14 lb.; at this Meeting 3 lb. extra. Penalties accumulative. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Entrance $10. One Mile.

Mr Goaheads Snuffbox 11st 4 lbs (Mr Sedgewick)	1
Mr Adamerio's, Black Cat, 11st 12lb (Mr Moller)	2
Mr John Peel's Doubtful 11st 11lb (Mr Johnstone)	3
Mr Bases's Ploughed Field 11st 5lb (Mr Gegg)	0
Messrs. G and G's Violin 11st 4lb (Mr Knoll)	0
Mr A. R. Lowe's, Biplane, 10st 10lb (Mr Morrison)	0
Mr Horseford's, Haggis, 11st 11lb (Mr McBain)	0
Sir Paul's Dandy Dahlia 10st 9 lbs (Mr Vida)	0
Mr Billiards Greencloth 10st 10lbs (Mr Barton)	0

A good start with Dandy Dahlia taking the lead and passing the Governor's Box for the first time well ahead, followed by Doubtful and Snuffbox. The same order obtained until the bottom of the incline. Then Doubtful got into second place. Snuffbox forced the pace up the hill with Black Cat in the fifth position. Greencloth moved up to third place. At the Rock Doubtful led with Greencloth second. A good race was seen up the straight, Snuffbox getting away from the bunch and winning by half a length with Black Cat ahead of Doubtful by two lengths. Time 2 mins. 09 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $121.70.
Places, $8.30; $5.80; $5.90.
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 534	1st	$1,925
" " 427	2nd	550
" " 33	3rd	275
Commission		875
Total		$3,625

$25 tickets:—363, 194, 321, 539, 307, 594.

8.—The Professional Cup.—Presented. Value Fifty Guineas and $200 to Winner. Second to receive $200. Third $100. For Griffins on date of entry and Ponies that have never won a Race. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1917-1918 allowed 5 lb. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Allowances accumulative. Entrance $10. One Mile.

Sir Paul's Attraction Dahlia 10st 12 lbs (Mr Vida)	1
Mr George Sand' Luckysand 11st 11lb (Mr Ezra)	2
Mr Drysadust's Andrew 10st 12 lbs (Mr McBain)	3
Mr John Peel's Xmas Day 10st 12lb (Mr Johnstone)	0
Mr Henry Humphrey's Church Mouse 10st 12lbs (Mr Knoll)	0
Mr Adamerio's Wild Cat 11st 4lbs (Mr Moller)	0
Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Ma'oo Chief 10st 12lbs (Mr Gegg)	0
Mr T. F. Hough's Cadzow's Waif 10st 9lbs (Mr Sedgewick)	0
Messrs L and B's Lusitanian Pearl 10st 8 lbs (Mr Elias)	0
Mr Adam's Tittle 10st 4 lbs (Mr Adams)	0
Mr Nemazee' Korand 10st 10lb (Mr Barton)	0

A good start, Luckysand drawing to the front. Korand was first past the Governor's Box with Wild Cat last. At the Gate Korand was still leading with Cadzow's Waif third. Wild Cat was forcing the pace and moved to the fifth position. At the Rock Cadzow's Waif obtained the lead from Korand with Tittle third, and Attraction Dahlia fourth. A good race Home ended in Attraction Dahlia winning from Luckysand by a length, half a length separated Luckysand from Andrew. Time 2 mins. 7.1/5 secs.

Pari-mutuel:—
Winner, $23.70.
Places, $10.40; $9.70; $49.70
Cash Sweeps:—

Ticket No. 413	1st	$1,719
" " 432	2nd	491
" " 231	3rd	245
Commission		$865
Total		$3,320

$25 tickets:—279, 110, 505, 522, 622, 352, 115, 113.

Woman Aged 73 on War Work.

After working for 24 hours at a war factory near London, where she had been employed for several months, Isabelle Styles, aged 73, was taken ill and died. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned at the inquest yesterday.

LOCAL AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Meeting To-morrow.

A meeting is to be held at the American Consulate General, at nine o'clock Tuesday evening, February 26th, of the American men in the Colony, who are especially interested in the organisation of a chapter of the American Red Cross in Hongkong. This meeting is to be preliminary and in the way of a committee on organisation to a meeting of all the Americans in the colony which is to be held in the Hongkong Hotel at eleven o'clock a.m. on Thursday, February 28th, at which time the organisation of a chapter of the Red Cross will be effected. Both meetings will be addressed by Mr. F. N. Doubleday of New York.

SHANGHAI AND THE WAR.

Before Lens and Cambrai.

In recent letters Lieut. Claude Morgan, 19th Norfolks, gives some short glimpses into the life at the front. In one letter he says "We are still in rest, but it will not be long now. The other day there were sports at which I officiated but did not run. It was a brigade affair. In two days there is to be a divisional rifle meeting. I have a chance of pulling off one prize I think. My Shanghai shooting taught me a lot and though I haven't handled a rifle much lately yet my hand hasn't lost all its cunning. I gave up smoking months ago and never take anything stronger than French beer—and that very seldom. I find I am most fit on these habits. This afternoon I scored 36 out of 40 (rifle); and the other day I got a possible at 25 yards with a revolver (8 in. bull). Not bad after three years of this life. My nerves are pretty fair.

"To-day (16/8/17) a parcel arrived from friends in Shanghai and was my 1916 Christmas greetings. The address was quite correct. This time the A.P.O. made a mistake—but it is not my intention to slang them. They are my true friends and very rarely a letter goes astray. Their accuracy is most creditable. Will you have it explained why the parcel wasn't acknowledged until now and give my hearty thanks to all 'the friends' who so kindly had me in mind."

In a subsequent letter he says that he got a first and two second prizes at the rifle meeting. This was in the days near Lens; since then he has been in the Cambrai fighting. He had 21 days in the front line there. The division is reported to have done splendidly. He is now home for special training. When he reached England he was very tired after the continuous fighting in Cambari:—*N. C. Daily News.*

Holborn's Scrap Gatherers.

Holborn Borough Council has for some time past collected large quantities of waste material of great value to the country—this produced sums of money which have been devoted to good purposes. An house-to-house collection of metal scrap, waste paper, and other articles was made recently and residents were asked to deliver to the Council's vans every description of scrap metal in the form of kettles, door nobs, pots, pans, food tins, also waste paper, cardboard, &c.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

LOST.

LOST—In Connaught Road Central, Sunday Forenoon, a BRINDLE BULL DOG with white head. Address (Mrs. Davis, Hongkong Hotel) on collar. Answers to the name of "Billy." This dog suffers from epileptic fits. Finder will be rewarded on returning the dog to Inspector McEwan, c/o Central Police Station.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The New Zealanders carried out a successful raid eastward of Polygon Wood and took a few prisoners. Hostile artillery was active at Fresquiers.

London, February 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We repulsed a raid eastward of Armentieres. Hostile artillery was active at St. Quentin and La Bassee.

London, February 23.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports on aviation:—Hostile artillery was active in the neighbourhoods of the Arras-Cambrai Road, La Bassee and Ypres. Aeroplanes yesterday dropped 300 bombs on billets and also on railway sidings at Courtrai, Ledeghem and Dousi. We brought down seven machines and drove down two. Three of ours are missing. 678 bombs were dropped last night. Three hundred bombs were dropped on an aerodrome south-eastward of Legasem used by enemy's nightfliers. Nineteen direct hits were secured on hangars and aerodromes at Ghent and Tournai. One of our machines has not returned.

London, February 21.

A communique states:—We repulsed a raid at Four de Paris, inflicting appreciable enemy losses. Our detachments north of Bures and east of Moncel in Lorraine deeply penetrated the German lines on a wide front. The operation was brilliantly carried out and a number of prisoners taken, which as at present counted exceed 450. Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down on the 19th instant, others falling seriously damaged into their own lines.

London, February 22.

A Belgian communique states:—After a violent bombardment enemy detachments attacked our advanced posts in the region of Kloostermolen. The enemy failed to reach our lines.

London, February 21.

A French communique states:—We took 525 prisoners, including 11 officers, in yesterday's operations in Lorraine.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

London, February 21.

A wireless German official message says:—We occupied Leal in Esthonia, reached Pernigal and Lemsal on the Riga Gulf, traversed Wenden, approaching Wolmar between Dvinsk and Pigek, and pressed eastward of Lnseingen. It also reports the occupation of important railway and road junctions. Continuing, the message says:—At Rovno we cleared off the enemy. Our prisoners included a General, 425 officers, 8,700 men. Our booty consisted of 1,453 guns, 4,500 motor-cars, and 1,000 railway carriages, many of them laden with food.

London, February 21.

A message from Lemberg says the discontent of the Poles has been aggravated by the appointment of General Hoehmer-Molles as the Chief of Staff of General Dandoff, Governor of Galicia, replacing the civilian, Count Huyo. A semi-official Berlin statement declares that no decisions have yet been taken regarding the future of Poland, whose fate depends on the attitude of the Poles to Germany and Austria-Hungary.

London, February 21.

Reuter's correspondent Petrograd says it transpires that Lenin, who was the chief advocate for accepting the German demands, declared that it was necessary to sign the peace in order to have a revolution, and the Soviet authority and five Bolshevik Commissioners voted its acceptance, four voting against.

London, February 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that Russian troops are reported to be abandoning their posts.

London, February 21.

General Yanuskevitch, ex-Chief of Staff, has been murdered by the Red Guards in the train in which they were being brought down to Petrograd for imprisonment.

Shanghai, February 21.

A Harbin telegram states that German prisoners in Siberia are entirely free, many openly trading in German goods, while others, including many civilians, who were engaged in commerce in Siberia and Manchuria before the war, are coming to North Manchuria with Russian passports, which can be purchased for a hundred roubles. Prompt Allied action is necessary in order to combat German occupation of these rich districts.

London, February 22.

Continuing his speech in the Lower House of the Reichsrath, Dr. Seidler, stated that Germany was resolved to march further into Esthonia and Livonia in order to help her co-nationals there. Twenty thousand war prisoners have already arrived on the frontier. The telegram continues that it was hoped the war prisoners would soon be back in Austria-Hungary, while the fairly large number of prisoners in Ukraine would likewise be speedily returned.

A WAR BOND APPEAL.

London, February 21.

Mr. Bonar Law, appealing to the public to buy War Bonds, says:—"At this moment it is more imperative than ever that we at Home should do our part, and support the Great Cause for which those dear to us are fighting and suffering."

NATIONAL WAR EXPENDITURE.

London, February 20.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the daily average National expenditure for the four weeks ending the 16th inst. was £6,384,000.

LAST YEARS' ARMY PURCHASES.

London, February 20.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson mentioned that the following Army purchases were made last year:—Manufactures, £270,000,000, including £26,000,000 for the Allies; raw material, £113,000; wool £88,000,000; preserved meat, £12,000,000.

BRITISH HAUL OF GUNS LAST YEAR.

London, February 20.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson said our captures last year included 168 heavy howitzers, 68 heavy guns, 437 field-guns, 2,000 trench-mortars and nearly 3,000 machine-guns.

FRENCH TRANSPORT TORPEDOED.

Paris, February 21.

The transport Dives was torpedoed on 1st instant on her voyage to Bougie from Marseilles with an escorted convoy. No submarine was sighted. There were 339 passengers, including 201 troops and 55 crew. One hundred and ten are missing.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

EDITOR OF "MORNING POST" FINED.

London, February 21.

Colonel Repington and Mr. Gwynne, the Editor of the *Morning Post*, have been fined £100 each, for contravening the Defence of the Realm Regulations by publishing a prohibited article on the Versailles Council.

FRENCH AVIATORS ESCAPE FROM GERMANY.

Amsterdam, February 22.

The famous French aviators, Mme. Garros and Marchal, who flew over Berlin last year and fell near the Russian lines, have now escaped from Germany and have arrived in Holland.

THE RECENT CHANNEL RAID.

London, February 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lynch asked regarding the recent German raid in the Channel. Mr. Macnamara replied that the answer would involve a detailed account of our dispositions, which it was not desirable to give. The contention that German raiders and submarines could operate successfully in the Channel and in the Straits of Dover was entirely unjustified by facts. Obviously, no matter how completely we controlled the sea, we could not always prevent such attacks on a dark night. The Admiralty had every reason to be satisfied with the results achieved in recent weeks by the Admiral commanding Dover.

PALESTINE OPERATIONS.

London, February 20.

A Palestine official message says:—Our advance eastward of Jerusalem was resumed yesterday. Despite heavy rain-storms, difficult country and the enemy's obstinate resistance, we progressed 3½ miles on a front of 8 miles to within 4 miles of Jericho. Simultaneously we advanced a mile on a front of four miles westward of Jerusalem on the Nablus road. The air service co-operated and bombed camps and depots 10½ miles east and north-east of Jericho. Our losses on Tuesday were very slight. Yesterday's losses are as yet not reported. The operations continue.

London, February 22.

A Palestine official message says:—We attacked yesterday morning east of Jerusalem on a frontage of fifteen miles. We secured all our objectives by the evening, to an average depth of two miles.

BRITISH CO-OPERATION IN ITALY.

London, February 22.

A British-Italian official report states:—During the past week we carried out successful raids across the Piave, taking some prisoners.

Our aeroplanes made several successful bombing raids, and also destroyed a dirigible shed.

Since we arrived in Italy we destroyed 58 hostile aeroplanes and drove down many others.

We lost eight machines.

London, February 22.

An Italian official message states:—British aeroplanes effectively bombed Cesarea aerodrome, destroying an airship shed. Our aeroplanes dropped two tons of bombs on an aviation camp at La Comina. A large fire was observed. All the machines returned.

AMERICAS' PART IN THE WAR.

London, February 20.

Mr. Baker, War Secretary, in his weekly review, points out that Germany and her Allies are apparently ready for an offensive in the West, where the bulk of the German forces are now assembled. Advices received show that the German Staff hopes by massing large numbers of "Shock" battalions, who have been intensively trained, to deliver a crushing blow, but many of these units are wholly untrained to Western warfare. The War Secretary emphasises that far greater obstacles will be encountered than when the Germans broke through Russia and Italy. Both these breaks were achieved only after the *morale* of the troops was undermined. An important body of German cavalry in the vicinity of Riga leads to the belief that the Germans may advance on Petrograd. The Russian contingents are evacuating the Armenian centres south of the Black Sea. Trebizond will probably fall into Turkish hands. Large contingents of Arabs are joining the Sheik of Mecca, who is co-operating with the British.

AVAILABLE ALLIED SHIPPING.

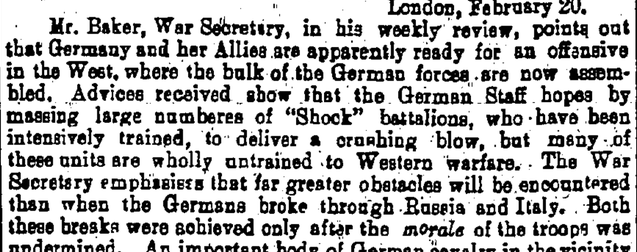
London, February 21.

An Associated Press message from Washington announces that the low point of available Allied shipping has been passed a fortnight earlier than expected. The officials are now confident that in future the available shipping will steadily increase.

THE KAISER AND A LAST GREAT FIGHT.

London, February 23.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states, that replying to a congratulatory message from the Agricultural League, the Kaiser exhorted the people to close the home ranks for a last great fight.



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Trams. Low Level	s.	$6.40
Trams, Peak, old	s.	$8½
Trams, Peak, new	s.	cts. 90
Laundries	n.	$4
U. Waterboats	n.	$11½
Watsons	n.	$5½
Wm. Powells	n.	$8½
Morning Posts	n.	$29

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T/T Japan	135½
T/T India	Nom.
Demand, India	Nom.
T/T San Francisco & New York	70
T/T Java	158¾
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	4.00
Demand, Paris	4.00½

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4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
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6 m/s. Francs	4.20
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	Nom.
T/T Bombay	—
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	—
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	149
Demand, Singapore	126
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10.00 A.M. to	11.00 A.M.	,, 15 Min.
11.00 A.M. to	12.45 P.M.	,, 15 Min.
12.45 P.M. to	1.35 P.M.	,, 10 Min.
1.35 P.M. to	2.15 P.M.	,, 15 Min.
2.15 P.M. to	3.15 P.M.	,, 15 Min.
3.15 P.M. to	4.15 P.M.	,, 15 Min.
4.15 P.M. to	5.15 P.M.	,, 10 Min.
5.15 P.M. to	5.50 P.M.	,, 15 Min.

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1.00 P.M. to	3.30 P.M.	,, 15 Min.
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LOCAL SPORT.

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Bowling.

	O.	M	R	W.
P. H. Cobb	14	3	32	5
J. Stalker	14	3	45	5

C. R. C. v. Middlesex.

The C. R. C. gained a victory over the Middlesex at Causeway Bay, but by a rather narrow margin. Scoring was low, whilst the bowling of Yew Man Tsun, (7 wickets for 15 runs) and Taylor (5 wickets for 10 runs) were the features of the match. The scores were:—

C. R. C.

Ng Sze Yuen, c Thompson, b Taylor	23
G. Lee, c Dickenson, b Tebbutt	17
Ng Sze Kwong, b Ellarby	0
Un Hew Fan, c Purnell, b Taylor	12
Ho Wing Kin, c and b Taylor	3
C. Chos, c Taylor, b Purnell	8
Yew Man Tsun, b Purnell	1
Wei Lee Sun, l.b.w., b Taylor	0
A. J. Kee, c Thompson, b Taylor	5
L. F. Lau, b Purnell	1
L. H. Ki, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	72

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tebbutt	7	1	27	1
Butterworth	2	0	13	0
E'larby	5	1	12	1
Taylor	4	0	10	5
Purnell	3	1	8	3

Middlesex.

Lt. Dickenson, c Ng Sze Kwong, b Un Hew Fan	4
L/Cpl. Tebbutt, c Kin, b Yew Man Tsun	15
L/Cpl. Butterworth, c Lau, b Yew Man Tsun	0
Pte. Purnell, c Ng Sze Yuen, b Yew Man Tsun	0
L/Cpl. Ellarby, c Ng Sze Yuen, b Yew Man Tsun	2
L/Cpl Lawrence, c Ng Sze Yuen, b Yew Man Tsun	20
Capt. H. Smith, b Yew Man Tsun	0
Pte. S. Smith, c and b Ho Wing Kin	13
Pte. Taylor, b Ho Wing Kin	0
Pte. Woodward, b Yew Man Tsun	1
L/Cpl. Thompson, not out	3
Extras	5
Total	63

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Un Hew Fan	6	0	22	1
Yew Man Tsun	9	2	15	7
Ho Wing Kin	3.3	0	21	2

Craigengower v. Navy.

This match was played on the Craigengower Ground, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 15 runs.

The scores were:—

Craigengower.

T. Ford, b Gibson	4
A. Arculli, c Hack, b Godfrey	0
G. Manley, c Henley, b Godfrey	4
L. Rose, b Gibson	1
R. Baess, b Godfrey	12
A. Grimmett, c Wild, b Godfrey	0
J. S. Graham, b Gibson	1
F. S. Thompson, not out	17
J. H. Mody, c Staley, b Gibson	15
D. Kharas, c Gibson, b Henley	4
D. Rumjahn, b Henley	0
Extras	11
Total	69

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cdr. Gibson	8	3	24	4
Lig. Seaman God-frey	7	1	29	4
A. B. Henley	12.1	5	2	

*—1 wide.

Navy.

Cdr. Gibson, c and b Grimmett	17
Lig. Seaman Godfrey, b Grimmett	2
Lt. Carey, b Grimmett	13
A. P. Robinson, c Grimmett, b Graham	1
A. P. Wild, c Rumjahn, b Graham	7
Sg. Hack, run out	7
Mr. Black, c Thompson, b Grimmett	1
A. B. Henley, c and b Grimmett	1
Staley, not out	25
Ryder, b Graham	3
Pte. Wright, c Grimmett, b Graham	3
Extras	4
Total	84

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. S. Graham	10.	0	44	4
A. Grimmett	10.	0	36	5

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

A CORRECTION.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."]

Sir,—With reference to the article under Canton News in your issue of the 22nd instant regarding a derailment on the Chinese Section of the Canton Kowloon Railway, I shall be glad if you will kindly publish the correct facts of the case which are as follows:—

The local train running from Shek Lung to Shum Chun on the morning of the 21st instant with a number of empty coal trucks became derailed at Mile 59 near Cheung Muk Tou station completely blocking the track and as the full extent of the damage was not immediately known the morning express trains betwen Canton and Kowloon were stopped and returned to their respective starting stations. The work of repairing the damage was immediately started and all other trains during the day ran as usual but passengers had to transfer from one train to another at the scene of the derailment. The work of repairing the line was complete on the evening of the 21st instant and the full service of the Railway was maintained as usual from the morning of the 22nd instant. No member of the public or of the Railway staff was killed or injured in this derailment.

Yours faithfully,
C. T. LIU,
Canton, 23rd February.

FORTHCOMING POLICE RESERVE BOXING CONTEST.

More Challenges Accepted.

The challenges which were issued through these columns on Friday have been taken up with enthusiasm as can be seen from the fact that Enbleton's challenge has been accepted by Sapper Sunley, R.E., and W. Niel, who wishes to meet Pte. Smith, and Pat O'Keefe, who is anxious to try conclusions with Corporal Stubbs. W. Niel, tips the scale at about 9st. 2lbs. while O'Keefe's weight is something in the neighbourhood of 8st. 4 lbs. Both men are willing to arrange for side stakes if their challenges are agreeable. It is interesting to mention that both these boxers are from Kid Marriot's school. This should be sufficient to show that there is something good about them.

'Varsity 2nd XI. v. Y.M.C.A.

A friendly match was played between these teams on Saturday on the University grounds, resulting in a win for the University team. The scores were:—

University 2nd XI.

V. Atienza, b Starling	48
W. J. Hinton, c and b Johnson	14
R. Ponsonby-Fane, b Johnson	19
J. R. Basto, b Starling	9
Chuah Sin Kah, c Turner, b Johnson	8
K. L. Sau, b Johnson	6
Ang Swee Chiang, b Johnson	6
Lee Tian King, b Starling	1
Charrington, b Starling	4
P. Edwards, not out	0
V. K. Ho, c and b Starling	0
Extras	5
Total	120

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Starling	20	2	63	5
Johnson	19	3	52	5

Y.M.C.A.

Ng Tat Sing, c Fane, b Hinton	0
A. Ramjahn, c Chuah, b Hinton	20
J. Starling, c Chuah, b Hinton	39
A. Johnson, b Hinton	0
G. F. Turner, c Lee, b Hinton	5
J. R. Chan, c Edwards, b Ponsonby-Fane	1
R. Lee, b Ponsonby-Fane	3
F. Mohler, c and b Ponsonby-Fane	8
H. Gittens, b Ponsonby-Fane	2
Ko Sik Wai, b Ponsonby-Fane	1
D. Ling, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	73

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hinton	9	3	30	5
Chuah	4	0	21	0
Ponsonby-Fane	5	1	21	5

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Canton February 1, 1918.

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NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February, to 1st March, 1918, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
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